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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial accepted yesterday morning Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Abe Malae's resignation, saying a leadership change at CUC is "necessary." Renewable energy contracts are expected to be awarded faster coupled with the push to privatize more of CUC operations—as has been the Fitial administration's plan since taking office.

Malae

Some lawmakers, meanwhile, reiterated that Fitial's emergency declaration for CUC is unwarranted and suggested it be either rescinded or

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Reyes kicked out of Senate hearing

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A heated argument between Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) and Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian)—made worse by Reyes' use of crude language and Cruz's order for the sergeant-at-arms to remove Reyes from the gallery—overshadowed a Senate panel's public hearing on two of three of the governor's nominees to the Public Utilities Commission yesterday morning.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) later apologized to the public for having to witness the "commotion."

"It's unfortunate that a member of the committee chose to argue a point during the public hearing and it resulted in a situation. I think

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Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan), right, packs his things as Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations chair Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) walks past him after Cruz ordered a short recess from a public hearing following a heated argument between the two. Cruz later ordered Senate sergeant-at-arms Juan Santos, left, to remove Reyes from the gallery. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

MAG-12 Hornets swarm to be first on Tinian

Marines with 3 rd Marine Expeditionary Force, 1st Marine Air Wing, Marine Aircraft Group 12, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, expeditionary air field technicians pose for a traditional sendoff as Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 121 takes to the skies after making 12 successful arrestments on May 23 during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012. These FA-18D Hornets are the first to land on Tinian. LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

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TINIAN—The first F/A-18D Hornets from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121, Marine Aircraft Group 12, landed on the island of Tinian's West Field on May 23 during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012.

The F/A-18Ds were the first to have ever landed on the island of Tinian.

Since the M-31 arresting gear setup was the first to have ever been assembled on coral terrain, there was some speculation about its effectiveness.

"All of our Marines came out and brought their 'A' game and nothing less," said Staff Sgt. Travis W. Goodwin MAG-12, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 expeditionary airfield technician runway supervisor. "I was a little worried since this arrestment has never been done before, but I have absolute faith in my Marines and after the first jet landed we all

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Century Tours staff receive first aid and CPR trainings

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Century Tour guides and operations clerks undergo first aid and CPR training at the Saipan Grand Hotel in preparation for the launching of Saipan Air on July 1, 2012.

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Underlining the importance of safety for all its customers, Century Tours arranged for its first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation or CPR trainings for all its tour guides and some of its tour operations clerks.

Nomi Ma, deputy general manager for Century Tours, said that about 20 individuals went through these trainings at the Saipan Grand Hotel on Wednesday and Thursday.

The trainings were conducted by first aid and CPR instructors John Aguon, Ed Johnson, and Jho Lacorte of the American Red Cross NMI Chapter. An in-house translator helped facilitate the trainings for the Chinese-speaking staff.

Ma said all participants who completed the trainings will receive two-year certifications attesting their eligibility to administer these emergency procedures, which are vital in their line of work as a tour company.

She noted that one employee will be trained to become a trainer, allowing Century Tours to have an in-house trainer that would conduct the trainings once the company hires more staff.

"These trainings will differentiate tour guides of Century Tours from those of other companies. Our customers will be protected," Ma told *Saipan Tribune*.

Ma pointed out that these trainings are specified in the Century Tours Code of Conduct, which they strictly adhere to.

Century Tours, Ma said, will be handling the passengers of Saipan Air, a new airline company set to launch its maiden flight on July 1 and will carry passengers to and from Narita and Osaka in Japan and Beijing and Shenyang in China on a daily basis by Aug. 1.

From managing only 2,000 Chinese tourists a month, Ma said the numbers will significantly rise as they anticipate an additional 800 to 1,000 travelers daily from key Chinese cities.

With the island being surrounded by a vast body of water and most tourists engaged in marine activities, Ma said the trainings would be practical and valuable for Century Tours.

"We are a tour company that goes through proper trainings and we want our tourists to know that," she added.

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Widow settles wrongful death lawsuit

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A widow who filed a wrongful death lawsuit for the death of her husband who was killed when a vehicle hit him as he was crossing a road in As Lito has agreed to settle the matter.

With the settlement, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho dismissed with prejudice Mariel Falalimpa's lawsuit in its entirety yesterday. Dismissal with prejudice means the case cannot be re-opened.

Joselito Baysauli Falalima was on his way home on Oct. 24, 2009, and was crossing Monsignor Martinez Road in As Lito when he was hit by a car driven by Duane Quitugua Richards. The Falalima couple has two young children.

Mrs. Falalimpa sued Richards, Marvin Tydingco, and Melva Ann Ada. She filed the lawsuit on behalf of herself and as the personal representative of her deceased husband. She asserted claims for negligence, wrongful death, and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

The defendants later filed a cross-claim against Wilson Villanueva Batan, the person driving the vehicle that dropped off Mr. Falalimpa in As Lito. The defendants alleged that Batan was negligent and at least partially responsible for Falalimpa's death.

Saipan Tribune learned that the defendants and Batan, through three insurance companies, agreed to settle the lawsuit by paying Mrs. Falalimpa $30,496.

The parties agreed that the settlement shall not be construed as an admission of negligence, recklessness, willful misconduct, liability, or fault of any kind by the defendants.

Whole-day registration today for Agricultural Fair

The Saipan Agricultural Fair Association and the Department of Public Lands and Natural Resources will be conducting today on-site registration for the 29th Saipan Agricultural Fair. The registration will be held the entire day at the Sabalu Market grounds by the 4H Building in Susupe.

The Agricultural Fair itself will take place tomorrow, culminating *Semanan Lanchero* or Farmers Week.

DLNR's Marianne Concepcion Teregeyo, who is also the SAFA treasurer, said yesterday that while a lot of farmers and ranchers have already stopped by to pick up their forms, most of them are expected to register their livestock and produce throughout the day.

Only U.S. citizens and registered voters who are farming and residing on island can take part in the fair, which will have two main divisions, the Animal and the Plant Divisions. The Animal Division will have 13 categories while the Plant Division will have 70 categories. Winners will receive cash prizes.

Teregeyo noted the hauling of livestock entries to the grounds will be done today as well.

There will also be a separate agricultural fair involving entries from youths ages 8 to 17 years old. A total of 97 different kinds of produce will be accepted as entries and winners will receive non-monetary prizes.

Judging and the announcement of winners will be done tomorrow.

Saturday's event will also feature exhibitor booths from the Soil & Water Conservation Unit, the Natural Resources Conservation Office – Saipan Field Office, and the Invasive Species team of the University of Guam.

Teregeyo urged local food and other vendors to take advantage of their $30 fee per vendor so they can set up a booth at the site, provided that they will bring their own tents.

"If they want to open a booth, they need to come right away to the site," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "The enforcement team of the Department of Public Lands will also be at the site to deal with unauthorized vendors since only those with SAFA permits will be allowed to be there."

Teregeyo said they are expecting a big crowd for the event given the marketing and promotion that SAFA has undertaken to ensure the success of the event.

For information, stop by the fair site today as the SAFA committee members will be there for the registration from 7:30am to 10pm. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

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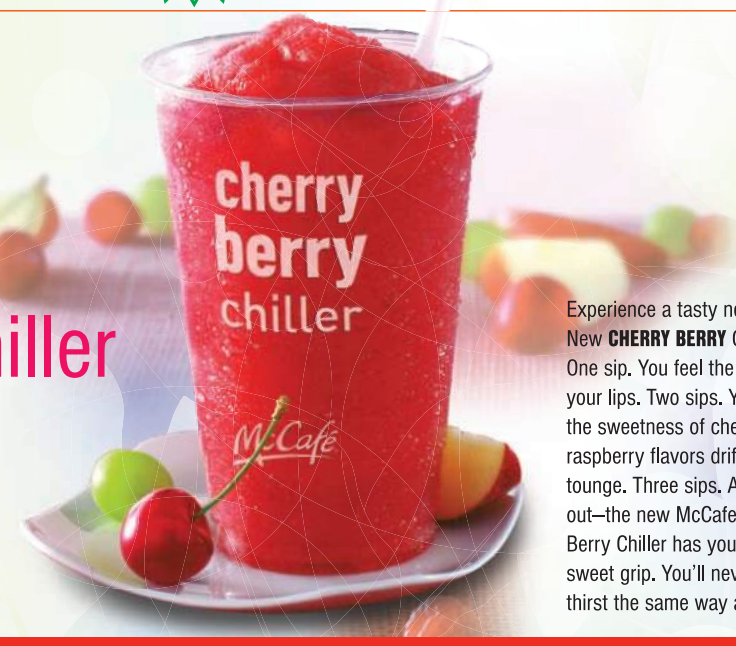

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Man who hit student on the head with bottle gets prison term

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo has imposed a one-year-and-six-month prison term on a 38-year-old man who hit a then 17-year-old male student in the head with a vodka bottle, causing serious injuries.

In a written order issued yesterday, Govendo directed Geoffrey Steve Ada to report to the Department of Corrections on June 22, 2012, to start serving the jail sentence.

Ada will be released on Dec. 22, 2013, and will be placed on supervised probation for a year and six months.

He was also required to pay restitution in the amount to be determined by the Office of Adult Probation, a $1,000 fine, plus court costs and probation fees.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Ada with assault and battery, criminal mischief, and two counts of disturbing the peace. He pleaded guilty to all charges as part of a plea deal.

According to the prosecution, Ada, in a fit of rage, hit the 17-year-old victim in the head with a vodka bottle and then punched him several times on Oct. 10, 2010.

The victim did not fight back but attempted to block Ada's strikes. The glass from the bottle cut the victim's right hand.

The wound on the right hand required stitches and his injuries caused him to miss two weeks of school. Four months after the incident, the victim's right hand could not grasp things properly. The victim still suffers severe weekly headaches due to the blow to the head, according to the OAG. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Creditors committee not opposed to dismissal of Chapter 11 petition

The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of the NMI Retirement Fund does not oppose the dismissal of the Fund's Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition.

The committee, through counsel Don Jeffrey Gelber, said its decision not to oppose the dismissal was made before the committee selected and conferred with counsel.

Gelber filed yesterday in district court the committee's statement of position on the motions to dismiss the Fund's Chapter 11 case.

In the event the U.S. District Court for the NMI Bankruptcy Division decides that dismissal is appropriate, the court should retain jurisdiction to hear and determine matters related to the approval and compensation of professionals retained in the case, Gelber said.

Unnamed clients of attorney Bruce Jorgensen first brought up the motion to dismiss the case on the ground that the Fund's structure and statutory existence makes it a "governmental unit" of the CNMI and therefore not eligible to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

The motion to dismiss, based on the same grounds, was followed by similar motions filed by the U.S. Trustee, three retirees, the CNMI government itself, and the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Fund counsel Braddock J. Huesman insists that the Fund is not a governmental unit and therefore the federal court should deny the motions to dismiss the bankruptcy petition. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

HORNETS

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knew the mission was a success."

The training occurred in order to establish the effectiveness of the coral setup of the arresting gear. Four Hornets took three arrestments each in less than one hour and 15 minutes.

"Our goal was 10 arrestments in under an hour," said Goodwin. "We were able to do 12 in less than an hour. I don't believe that has ever been done before. It was an amazing feat and the Marines out here pulled it off."

Given that an arrestment on coral terrain had never been attempted before, safety was the main concern throughout the training.

"Myself and a lot of the other Marines were really nervous," said Lance Cpl. Eric J. LaVigne MAG-12, MWSS-171 expeditionary airfield technician crewman. "When it all went right we stopped holding our breath."

The training continues on Tinian for Exercise Geiger Fury 2012. The Marines with MAG-12 MWSS-171 are pushing themselves in daily training evolutions in order to better themselves and ensure MAG-12 is ready to accomplish any mission when called to respond to future real-world contingencies.

REYES

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what happened…should have been discussed in the committee where the nominees and members of the public are not there," Manglona told reporters.

A few hours later and despite the morning drama, the Senate held a 3pm emergency session to confirm the three nominees, including one in absentia, to help address the state of emergency declaration for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., which requires a functioning PUC on major procurement matters.

PUC needs at least three members to have a quorum. A full PUC has five members.

The Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations, chaired by Cruz, held a 10am public hearing on Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's nominations to PUC of Zenie P. Mafnas representing Tinian and Joseph C. Guerrero representing Saipan.

The committee did not schedule a public hearing on the third nominee, Oscar P. Quitugua, as they await submission of his papers to the Senate.

Besides Cruz and Reyes, two other EAGI Committee members were also present—Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) and Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan).

When Reyes' turn came to ask Mafnas and Guerrero some questions, he asked whether any committee member investigated or reached out to them prior to the public hearing. The nominees said there was none.

Reyes pointed out that an EAGI Committee investigation on the nominees' background and qualifications should be done before conducting a public hearing, and not during or after the public hearing.

Cruz told Reyes that this is not an investigation hearing but a public hearing. Reyes told Cruz "to have some respect," and stop interrupting him from asking questions of the nominees.

The exchange continued until Reyes asked, "Do you want me to ask questions or not?" Cruz repeated that Reyes should focus his questions on the nominees and not about the process of investigation, public hearing and confirmation.

Reyes told Cruz, "Mr. Chairman, I want you to shut up and let me finish what I'm doing."

Cruz then called the Senate sergeant-at-arms Juan Santos "to remove the floor leader from this public hearing." He said Reyes was being "disrespectful for telling the chairman to shut up."

Reyes said it was the chairman that "interrupted" him, and Cruz repeated his order to the sergeant-at-arms to remove Reyes. Reyes said he's voting for the confirmations of Mafnas and Guerrero.

"Floor leader, you are excused from this public hearing," Cruz said.

Reyes, in response, said, "You have no right to excuse me from a public hearing, Mr. Chairman."

Cruz repeated that Reyes is being excused from the public hearing.

"Screw you," Reyes told Cruz.

Cruz said, "Thank you. That's a good example for the public." He then called for recess.

The nominees, their families, supporters and other members of the community in the Senate gallery watched as the whole drama unfolded. Most of them didn't want to be quoted but expressed disappointment that senators were reduced to such a crude exchange at a public hearing.

Reyes later told reporters it's unprofessional for the EAGI chairman to interrupt him after acknowledging his turn to ask questions.

Cruz separately said that Reyes's conduct would not intimidate or prevent the EAGI Committee from proceeding with the public hearing.

The nominees, Mafnas and Guerrero, said the exchange of words between the two senators is an issue separate from their confirmation, which they hope will happen.

The Senate president, however, called for an emergency session at 3pm to confirm not only Mafnas and Guerrero but Quitugua as well. Each of them was confirmed by a vote of 7-0 on the committee reports recommending their confirmation.

The seven senators present during the session were Manglona, Cruz, Reyes, Torres, Ayuyu, Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian), and Sen. Luis Crisostimo (Ind-Saipan).

Senators hoped that by establishing a quorum for PUC, it can now start working and reviewing matters relating to CUC.

CUC

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amended.

One of the major reasons the governor cited in his emergency declaration—the absence of a functional Public Utilities Commission—has been addressed and would help move renewable energy contracts, some lawmakers said.

The Senate confirmed during an emergency session at 3pm yesterday three of Fitial's nominees to PUC, which now has a quorum and can review alternative energy procurement contracts once a request for proposal is complete.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday there's no rescission or amendment of the executive order at this time, adding that "there still exist the other findings."

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said the Senate questions the emergency declaration for CUC but understands the need to have a functional PUC to review CUC matters, including contract awards so they confirmed three of Fitial's nominees.

There has never been a full PUC board since its inception. The governor nominated three to PUC only after the term of the last remaining commissioner expired.

Manglona also said the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. would have been able to pay CUC for past due utility bills had the governor signed a bill authorizing the Marianas Public Land Trust to provide an additional $7 million revolving line of credit for CHC.

Fitial said that CUC is owed over $8 million by the cash-strapped central government, the Public School System and CHC.

Malae resigns

Malae submitted his resignation letter to the governor's office late Wednesday afternoon, but the governor didn't see the letter until Thursday morning, the administration said.

Fitial, in a chance interview with reporters early afternoon yesterday, said he accepted Malae's resignation but declined to comment further, saying a written statement will be forthcoming.

In a statement about an hour later, Fitial cited four reasons for believing that "a change in leadership is necessary," including not seeing "evidence of aggressive action to seek out viable alternative energy sources [that] would provide cheap power."

"We need to bring reliable, environmentally sensitive, and affordable utilities to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands; and I am tired of waiting for this to happen. I want a plan that provides for quick accomplishment of these objectives; not the 'four or five years from now' which has been cited by CUC," Fitial said.

Malae, in response to *Saipan Tribune* questions, said the governor is correct about the slowness of the renewable energy development "and I am frustrated too with the to-ing and fro-ing between legal counsels—but they are only trying to protect the interest of the CNMI."

"You don't want the residents 10 years from now complaining about the foolhardiness of a 20-year supply contract. The EO is an excellent tool to get things done; of course in the wrong hands it can do much damage," Malae said.

Malae, a former senator in American Samoa, said the 40 percent renewable energy penetration mandated by law for completion this year is "unrealistic."

"And even if it were online, it would destabilize the grid. But we have to work with that because that it what the politicians passed," he added.

Malae also said the governor may have signed the executive order placing CUC under a state of emergency last week "but he did not issue it until [Wednesday]."

"He had the courtesy to call me in on Tuesday to explain what he was going to do. I respect him for being a gentleman," Malae said.

Fitial's executive order is dated May 18. The Legislature received copies of the EO on Monday, but most lawmakers saw their copies only on Wednesday.

The emergency declaration effectively suspends regulations and allows the reprogramming of funds to address cash, procurement and hiring crises at CUC, barely 14 months after the governor lifted CUC's prolonged emergency status.

In August last year, Malae told the Fitial administration he'd leave CUC by end of Mach 2012 because he's running for governor of American Samoa in the November 2012 elections. Two months later, Malae said he's no longer running for the post and will be staying with CUC.

Malae ran for governor of American Samoa in November 2008 and finished second. He left his American Samoa Senate seat in Sa'ole county in 2009 to accept the CUC position after the CNMI government asked for his help to turn around the then-troubled utilities corporation.

Contract awards

The Fitial administration has long wanted the privatization of CUC. This was reiterated yesterday by the administration.

Sources privy to CUC matters said the emergency declaration for CUC is a move towards privatization of the utilities agency, more than the awards of alternative energy contracts to foreign businesses that have been visiting the CNMI for months and years now.

Herman Sablan, a businessman and local representative of American Capital Energy Co., one of the foreign businesses that submitted a proposal to CUC for solar power generation, said in a separate phone interview yesterday that American Capital has long been waiting for the actual contract award.

American Capital responded to an RFP for phase 1 of the solar project involving 10 megawatts of renewable energy, he said. Phase 2 has other sets of bidders.

"I am very disappointed [with] Abe Malae for not executing a contract for several months now. Our company received a draft contract months ago but until now, there's no actual contract award. Besides, the two companies that protested voluntarily withdrew their protests. Our company went through a bidding process. Our people are already suffering because of high power rates but CUC is not moving forward with contract awards that went through bidding process," Sablan said.

He also said American Capital is offering "below" 20 cents per kilowatt power compared to CUC's current rate of over 30 cents per kW for residential customers.

Leadership change

In a separate memo issued yesterday afternoon, Fitial named CUC deputy executive director Alan W. Fletcher as acting CUC executive director effective immediately.

Fitial said he accepted Malae's resignation "because I believe a change in leadership is necessary for four reasons."

"First our utility rates are among the highest in the United States, and this high rate is having a direct impact upon every household in the community," he said.

Second, the high utility costs are crippling the economy, the governor said.

"Third, I do not see evidence of aggressive action to seek out viable alternative energy sources, which would provide cheaper power. Areas such as solar, geothermal, waste-to-energy, wind, and wave are all sources of power here, yet we have a feeble half-hearted approach to the examination of these alternatives. Finally, I do not see any prospect for change in the approach to these issues, and thus it is time to bring in new leadership," Fitial said.

Roberts, Kim lead Class of 2012 at Saipan Int'l School

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Saipan International School conferred its highest academic honors on Amber Lynn Roberts and Milin Kim during the school's 7th commencement exercise at the Saipan World Resort on May 19.

Roberts and Kim were the class valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, during Saturday's event that promoted a total of 19 high school graduates—the biggest batch of SIS students to be promoted to college.. Headmaster Dale Jenkins served as speaker.

Roberts, the younger of two daughters of Linda Anastacio and Dale Roberts, is also celebrated for her achievements in sports. She played for the school's volleyball and basketball teams, a member of the volleyball national team during junior year and the soccer national team during 9th to 11th grade.

Besides her athletic credentials, Roberts is also a volunteer for the American Red Cross NMI Chapter and served as student council president from 10th to 11th grades.

The 17-year-old Roberts noted yesterday that their batch is known to be a "very exceptional" class scholastically and otherwise.

"We're all the same in my opinion and I'm just lucky enough that I got one more step ahead than anyone else in the class," she said. "We're all really great people, we're all very intelligent, and we all do things for the community and the society."

Roberts has been accepted for the fall semester to Stanford University and is still trying to make her mind between international relations or environmental engineering for her major.

Roberts, who is of Palauan heritage, said her love for cultures stems from her own lineage and from growing up in an island "where everyone around you comes from different ethnic backgrounds and different cultural idiosyncrasies."

"That's definitely what shaped me to what I want to do today," according to Roberts, who added that she is very much attached to her Palauan roots and hopes to share her culture with fellow Stanford students.

For Milin Kim, she feels "so proud" of her decision to attend SIS from 9th to 12th grades. "I love my school," she said. "I don't regret going there."

AMBER LYNN ROBERTS
Valedictorian

MILIN KIM
Salutatorian

Kim, 19, is the younger of two daughters of mom Young Mi Han and dad Seoung Ho Kim. She was born in Korea and came to Saipan when she was in first grade then left for New Zealand. She was back on island at the end of 8th grade.

Kim served as president of the National Honor Society in high school and was a member of the Lincoln – Douglas debate team at SIS. She is active with the World Mission Church and this violin player is among four individuals who perform for patients at the hospital.

Initially, Kim planned to attend American universities but decided against it due to high tuition fees. She said she has sent applications to at least five universities in Korea and plans to major in film and media.

Kim, who looks up to renowned directors Steven Spielberg and Christopher Nolan, revealed that a film class back in 10th grade inspired her to pursue a career in filmmaking and create short films.

"For typical Asians, parents expect us to become lawyers and doctors but I didn't want to do those things," she said. "I wanted to do what I was passionate about, what I always wanted to do, and that's film."

Since universities in Korea begin their classes in March, Kim plans to spend her time studying advanced Korean language while waiting for the start of the semester next year.

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SDA to hold 'Clinic With a Heart' Sunday

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The Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Dental Clinic will be conducting its annual Clinic With a Heart program on Sunday, May 27, from 8am to noon.

This marks the fifth year of Clinic With a Heart, which usually occurs every year in late May or early June and serves as an opportunity to provide free dental care to the community.

The event was initiated at the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, from which majority of the SDA Dental Clinic staff graduated, according to dental hygienist Lori Serna.

"Since most of us are Loma Linda graduates here, we all volunteered for the Clinic With a Heart while we were students," Serna said. "Under the guidance of our clinic director, Dr. Kenneth Pierson, we've been able to bring the program here and it has become an annual event."

Serna said they always get a "great turnout" each year at their clinic along Quartermaster Road in Chalan Laulau.

"People come out here and line up as early as 2am. Last year, we had 200 people by 6am that's why we ended up seeing the first 100 patients on the first day and the other 100 on a different day," she said.

Despite the weather, Serna said they anticipate another big crowd at this year's event given that the Commonwealth Health Center has closed down its dental clinic and most private clinics no longer accept Medicaid.

"There's just a huge need for this kind of event so we want people to know about it," she said. "We want people to come in if they can."

According to Serna, SDA has done "a really good job" in promoting the event, informing government offices about it, including schools and the Division of Youth Services.

Print and radio advertisements will also be out over the weekend. "We try to get it out to the community. We like to let as much people know about it," she added.

Although most of the patients they attend to during the free dental clinic are grownups, Serna said they will provide free dental care to anyone, including children, on Sunday. SDA has another open clinic event, "Give Kids a Smile," where only children are accommodated.

Serna said Clinic With a Heart is also done at the SDA clinic in Guam, which is able to encourage other dental clinics to partner with them.

"We hope we could get other clinics to join us because we have to give back to the community," said Serna. "While it is a business, we are still in the business of helping people and not just helping people who have money. We need to help people that just can't afford it."

Serna invites the public to avail of free dental services at SDA during the Clinic With a Heart event. For more information, call 234-6323.

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The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged the Micro Beach and Garapan Fishing Dock and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified. DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 38 locations on Saipan this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

Aquaculture execs on Marianas Agupa

This Saturday, May 26, 2012, Marianas Agupa will feature Michael M. Ogo from CREES and board members of the CNMI Aquaculture Producers Association to talk about the Aquaculture Workforce Development Program between 10am and 10:30am. The show is from 9am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM. Listeners on Saipan, Tinian and Rota and those listening via streaming are encouraged to call in and ask questions during the show (direct to studio at 234-5929 or via instant messaging on Marianas Agupa Facebook account).

The Chamorro radio talk show program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona and features reports by former mayor Joseph S. Inos, Rota correspondent Thomas D. Mendiola, Tinian correspondent David M. Cing, and a special segment called Hafa Mohon with Juanita Mendiola. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. ***(PR)***

Japanese group seeks volunteers for cleanup

A Japanese group called Nenpou Shinkyou is planning to do a cleanup around Banzai Cliff and Last Command Post on May 26, 2012, at 10am. About 70 members of the group will take part in the cleanup. They are inviting members of the CNMI community to take part in the cleanup with them.

The group will also hold a peace memorial ceremony the following day, 10am, at Marpi. ***(PR)***

NMC School of Education Open House next Friday

The Northern Marianas College School of Education is hosting an Open House for those who are considering teaching as a profession. Participants of the Open House can learn about new scholarship opportunities like the TEACH Grant Program, the four different academic concentrations available at the School of Education, and other program features.

The free Open House will be held on Friday, June 1, 2012, at NMC's Building J from 4pm to 6pm. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about the event, contact 234-5498 Ext. 2234. ***(PR)***

Joint Senate, House committee approves extending hiring period

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A joint committee from the Senate and House has agreed on a "compromise" bill that will extend by 45 days the period by which a vacant position in government can be eliminated if not filled within 90 days.

Right now, any vacancy not filled within 90 days is eliminated, except at the Public School System, Northern Marianas College, and the Department of Public Safety.

The compromise bill, if signed into law, gives agencies a total of 135 days to fill vacancies, or those vacant positions will be eliminated.

House Bill 17-261, Senate Substitute 1, Conference Committee Substitute 1 is expected to be passed in the next sessions of the Senate and House, which both postponed their sessions on Wednesday.

The six-member conference committee includes co-chairs Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) and Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), along with House minority leader Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian).

The Fitial administration has been waiting for this bill.

Demapan introduced HB 17-261 on Jan. 17, to amend Public Law 17-55 or the fiscal year 2012 budget law. The House passed it on Jan. 26 and it was transmitted to the Senate on Jan. 30.

The Senate made changes to the bill, which the House rejected, triggering the formation of a conference committee.

The Senate amendment was to provide for $5 million in Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. seed funds, which would be the state share of the required matching funds for Medicaid reimbursements to CHC.

But the conferees agreed that the Senate amendment is already addressed in another bill, HB 17-293. Thus, HB 17-261 is back to its original version.

It says there are many vital positions that deal with revenue generation that are not filled because of the 90-day window period. One of those vacancies is the position of director for Revenue and Taxation.

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Guam clinic donates dental supplies for use on Tinian

By LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam—About 100 lbs of dental supplies were donated by the Ordot Dental Clinic of Chalan-Pago Ordot, Guam for the purpose of being used by Marine Aircraft Group-12 naval dentists participating in Geiger Fury 2012 who are providing free dental care to the civilian community on Tinian.

The supplies were retrieved from the clinic by Cmdr. Dean L. Hoelz, MAG-12 chaplain and Petty Officer Second Class Adam Beyer, MAG-12 religious programmer, on May 18, 2012.

Being low on supplies on Tinian, emails were sent out to local clinics in Guam and on Saipan in an attempt to receive help. Ordot Dental Clinic responded immediately to the request for assistance.

"I received an email this morning as soon as I came into work and as soon as I opened it up I realized they needed assistance on Tinian," said Renaty Narcis, Ordot Dental Clinic business manager.

Upon arriving at the clinic, Hoelz and Beyer were led to the supplies, placed in cardboard boxes and set inside a nearby room.

"We always have extra supplies and we're always glad to help people, whether it's here or over on Tinian or anywhere," said Dr. Andrew Eusebio, Ordot Dental Clinic owner and dentist. "This kind of giving comes from the heart."

LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER

Dr. Andrew Eusebio, Renaty Narcis, Ordot Dental Clinic business manager, and Dr. Antonio Rapadas load up supplies donated by their Ordot Dental Clinic for use by Naval dentists serving the community of Tinian during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012.

Eusebio and Narcis helped load the supplies into a vehicle, shaking hands and talking with the service members afterwards.

"We have extra materials we always store," said Eusebio. "They're all in good shape and within date, there's nothing wrong with the items and we're just happy to help."

Some of the supplies donated by the clinic were anesthetics, toothbrushes, masks, sponges, children and adult toothbrushes, dental floss, cotton balls, needles, gloves, toothpaste and other useful items.

"Here at Ordot Dental, whenever we're asked for assistance, we donate," said Narcis. "Being that they are a neighboring island and there is a need for dental and health care, of course we'll help in any way possible. We just wish we could give more."

The supplies were delivered to Tinian via a C-130 the very next day.

"We feel great getting the opportunity to help out," said Narcis. "When this happened, we came together as a clinic and we all scrambled around the office to see what we could assist with. It was actually fun, everyone saying 'let's give this and let's give that.' Please, keep us on your list and if you ever need assistance any other time, we'll be happy to help."

When told about the generous donation, Phillip Mendiola-Long, president of the Tinian Chamber of Commerce said, "It is truly heartwarming to have such wonderful support from our neighbors on Guam and we are humbled by Ordot Dental's kindness."

"The truth is that it is all of you in uniform that are the true heroes," Narcis explained. "How often are we asked to help the military? Most especially since it is all of you who help us and allow us to live our lives in safety and peace."

Guevarra serves up best cocktail at 'Taste'

» Hotel chefs' compete May 26

For having the best combination of flavor, flair, finesse, and crowd favoritism, Ronnie Guevarra of Coral Ocean Point Resort walked away from the 14th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden last Saturday, May 5, as this year's king of the Bartenders' Cocktail Competition.

With his entry Beat d'Heat, Guevarra bested six other competitors to win the title before a panel of four judges and a lively crowd.

"Once again, the Bartenders' Cocktail Competition drew a strong pool of competitors and an enthusiastic crowd of spectators and supporters," said Community Projects manager Martin Duenas of the Marianas Visitors Authority. "We thank Northern Marianas Bartenders Association for joining the MVA in staging this popular competition again this year."

This Saturday, May 26, executive chefs of major hotels vie for the coveted win of the annual Chefs' Competition. This year's theme is Marianas Roast Beef, featuring Certified Angus Beef.

MVA

Ronnie Guevarra, fourth from right, walked away the winner of the Bartendersí Cocktail Competition on May 19, 2012, during the 14th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Also pictured are fellow competitors and competition organizers.

Per tradition, the closing night of "Taste" will be extended an additional hour to 11pm. The festivities kick off at 6pm at American Memorial Park. Local hotels and restaurants offer fine fare at a reasonable fare, with most dinner items at $6 or less. Throughout the evening, live entertainment will be featured on the main stage, and arts and crafts will also be on sale.

This year's Bartenders' Competition was sponsored by Marpac, Burnett's Flavored Vodka, DFS Saipan, IT&E, Systems 4 You Total Cosmetics, Cocacola, MDX Radio Club and the Pacific Islands Club Saipan. ***(MVA)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 25, 2000

Rate adjustment hikes CPA revenue

The recent implementation of new aviation rates upped the Commonwealth Ports Authority revenues by at least 23 percent in March 2000 to over $1 million from the previous year of the same month's $893,206. CPA adjusted airport terminal and landing fees beginning March 1, 2000 following recommendation by United States-based bond underwriter Ricondo and Associates in order for the ports authority to receive rating for its airport bonds issued in 1998. A financial report prepared by CPA comptroller Dave S. Demapan disclosed airport revenues soared 16 percent since the beginning of the Fiscal Year 2000 compared with the year-ago level, from $5.782 million to $4.974 million.

BOE opposes budget percentage increase

The State Board of Education yesterday decided to maintain the current budget appropriation at 15 percent, deferring a House Committee on Education initiative to increase the Public School System's yearly allotment to 25 percent from CNMI revenues. This, despite a recent public hearing which yielded positive feedback for the proposed legislation, stressing on vast advantages it could do to enhance the quality of education in the CNMI. BOE member Esther Fleming during a special board meeting yesterday expressed opposition to the bill due to certain amendments that have to be made in the CNMI Constitution before the funding increase can take effect.

May 25, 2001

Lawyer: Covenant makes US law on gambling applicable to CNMI

Prosecution has refuted a defense motion disclaiming the CNMI as a U.S. state or territory in reference to a statute that was used as basis to charge a woman with illegal gambling operations in the Northern Marianas. Assistant US Attorney David T. Wood, in the US government's answer to a motion that sought to dismiss the indictment, said the defense argument is erroneous. Defendant Qian Wu, otherwise known as "Queenie," last week moved to dismiss the charges on ground that the alleged crime she stands accused of was conducted outside a U.S. law's definition of the term "State."

Additional tests in Tanapag backed

Samples of harmful substances discovered in Tanapag will be submitted for an environmental assessment study immediately after the Legislature passes a bill earmarking $2 million for additional toxic tests. About $2 million of the proposed $32 million bond that will be floated by the Commonwealth Development Authority will be set aside solely for Tanapag laboratory tests and consultation expenses. House Bill 12-329 will give the Office of Public Lands license to borrow $32 million from CDA for additional Tanapag tests and settlement of over 150 land claims in the Northern Marianas.

May 25, 2004

Babauta to tackle 4 issues in DC

Plans to establish a regional pediatric center in the Commonwealth that would serve the entire Micronesia could become a reality when Gov. Juan N. Babauta takes up the issue with the U.S. House of Representatives later this month. Babauta, who would be leaving for Washington D.C. on May 30, hopes to complete four major tasks during his visit including discussion on plans to make the CNMI a pediatric center. Also, the governor said his meeting with Rep. Dan Burton, chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Government Reforms-Subcommittee on wellness and human rights, would also discuss issues on diabetes control and other health related concerns of the Commonwealth.

Diego: Economy showing good numbers

The CNMI economy is slowly picking up and signs of development abound despite reports of an impending massive layoff at the apparel industry, according to Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente. He also expressed confidence that the garment industry would never totally pull out from the Northern Marianas, noting that the industry is here due to the advantages offered by the CNMI. In fact, seven months before the worldwide lifting of the quota restrictions in January 2005, Benavente said the CNMI economy is getting better. "I see a lot of improvements and the number is showing it already. Obvious sign is better and steadier number in garment and tourist from the additional charter flights. These are signs that things are coming back," said Benavente.

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Valid exit strategy from Afghanistan

The "irreversible" agreement announced on Monday by the United States and its NATO allies to withdraw military forces from Afghanistan by 2014 marks a clear turning point in a protracted war that most Americans had soured on long ago.

The action is predictable, coming just weeks after President Obama's May 1 speech in which he announced the U.S. pullout. But it was also necessary. By getting an explicit and public buy-in from NATO countries, some of which are even more eager to get out, he has put Afghanistan on notice that there is no turning back. There's no mystery about why.

■ Costs. The war has lasted more than 10 years. Most estimates of the total costs to the U.S. Treasury are around $500 billion or more. When the war began, the United States had budget surpluses. Now it has budget deficits that must be dealt with by cutting costs.

■ Fatalities. As of Tuesday, the AP counted at least 1,851 members of the U.S. military who had died in Afghanistan following the U.S.-led invasion in late 2001. On Memorial Day, more families than ever across the land will mourn those who gave their lives in this war. Adding to the death toll after so many years of fighting without a conclusive end in sight is inexcusable.

■ Public support. No president can lead a nation at war without public support, as Lyndon Johnson so dramatically proved. Just two months ago, a New York Times/CBS News poll showed that more than two-thirds of those polled—69 percent—thought that the United States should not be at war in Afghanistan. That was a sharp increase from a poll six months ago showing that 53 percent said that Americans should no longer be fighting in the conflict.

■ Politics. Mr. Obama may have preferred to wait longer, but he needed to have a valid exit strategy as part of his campaign platform. Now he has it, and with a NATO endorsement. Republican candidate Mitt Romney has criticized Mr. Obama for giving a firm date for withdrawal, saying it is little short of surrender, but he also acknowledges, as he told Fox News recently, that it had to end sometime:

"Ultimately, the independence and security of Afghanistan is going to have to be secured and maintained by the Afghans themselves. We're not going to stay there forever."

■ It's Afghanistan. The Afghanistan president, Hamid Karzai, has proven to be both unreliable and difficult to deal with. The days when he was seen as the George Washington of that country seem so long ago today.

Now it's up to the Afghans themselves—with a "residual troop presence" and some form of unspecificed support from the United States through 2024—to take care of their own security.

The U.S. president and NATO's leaders underscored the challenges ahead, warning that the war isn't over yet, but they were equally emphatic about the need to move on. If there is any disagreement from large numbers of Americans, it will likely come from those who feel we're not getting out soon enough.

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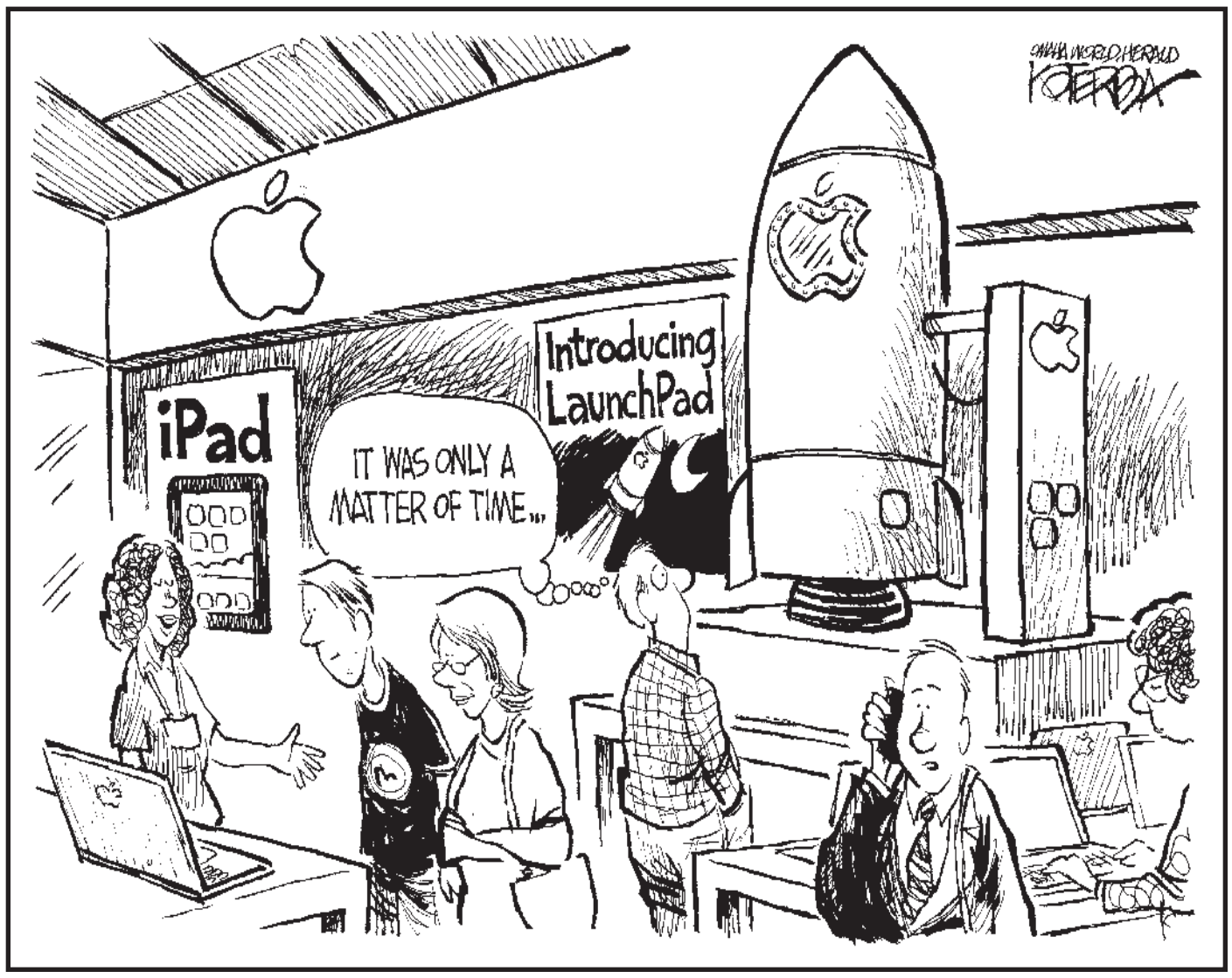

When bankers become bettors

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Addiction counselors tell their clients, "We can't help you until you admit you have a problem." It's time for American financial institutions to admit they have a gambling problem.

JPMorgan Chase & Co. last week announced losses, perhaps greater than $5 billion, from bad derivatives bets. Last year we saw UBS suddenly lose $2.3 billion and the hedge fund MF Global implode from derivatives trading. And let's not forget the 2008 failures ofAmerican International Group Inc. and Lehman Bros., which triggered an economic crisis we're still recovering from. All from speculative trading by financial institutions in derivatives—put bluntly, from gambling.

Wall Street firms often misleadingly describe derivatives as "assets," "investments" or "insurance." (This last label is sometimes correct but not nearly as often as it's claimed.) To really understand derivatives, it's essential to recognize that a derivative is simply a wager.

This is not a metaphor or figure of speech. Derivatives are literally wagers, agreements that one person will pay money to another if some specified event occurs—if interest rates rise, a currency falls, I'll Have Another wins the Belmont Stakes. A Wall Street trader would call a racetrack betting ticket an "I'll Have Another victory swap."

As the insurance industry shows, wagers can be used to offset risk. When you buy fire insurance, you are betting the insurance company that your house will burn down. If it burns, you win the wager, offsetting the loss of your home.

But wagers are also used to speculate, by trying to profit from predicting the future better than others can. If I bet the Yankees will make the World Series, I'm seeking profit, not trying to reduce risk.

Jamie Dimon, JPMorgan's leader, may claim his bank lost on derivative swaps entered into to temper the risk of other derivatives, which in turn reduced risk on bonds the bank holds. But this sounds more like hedging a speculative bet than real insurance. After all, the best and easiest way to hedge against a decline in the value of a liquid asset like a bond is simply to sell it. Or look at it this way: How can merely buying insurance cause you to suddenly lose $5 billion?

Betting—including betting with derivatives—is a zero-sum game. Winners' gains always come from losers' pockets. Worse, unless a bet is truly insurance, both sides take on risks they weren't exposed to before.

So when banks turn away from the boring business of making loans and helping real companies raise money by issuing stocks and other securities, to focus instead on risky trading primarily to make profits, we should expect to see exactly what we have seen. There are more big winners—hedge fund manager John Paulson made billions betting on the subprime mortgage crisis—but more big losers, more dramatic institutional collapses and much more systemic risk.

The 2008 credit crisis has proved, painfully, how systemic risk harms our economy. And banks' gambling in the zero-sum attempt to earn more dividends for bank shareholders and bigger bonuses for bank executives doesn't provide investment capital directly to real businesses, the way lending and "underwriting" (helping companies raise cash by selling stocks and bonds) do.

While derivatives traders often repeat (without solid evidence) the self-serving claim that their trading is essential for liquid markets and accurate prices, no one who lived through the derivatives-triggered liquidity crunch and wild price swings of fall 2008 should attach much value to these unsupported assertions.

History tells us what we can do to keep our financial institutions from collapsing in derivatives-fueled disasters. After the Depression, Congress passed the Glass-Steagall Act, which prohibited deposit-taking banks from indulging in risky proprietary trading. But thanks to intense lobbying, especially by Citibank, Congress eliminated that prohibition with the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999. A year later, as part of the same deregulatory frenzy, Congress overturned state and federal laws that restricted speculative derivatives trading to "clearinghouses" run by regulated exchanges.

That wave of financial deregulation explained both the sudden rise of an enormous derivatives market and the trading disasters and institutional collapses that followed.

The Dodd-Frank Act attempts to stuff the systemic-risk genie back in the bottle by once more restricting deposit-taking banks from making risky bets with their own accounts (the so-called Volcker rule) and moving speculative derivatives trading back into regulated clearinghouses. Unfortunately, the financial industry has responded by sending out an army of lobbyists and lawyers to try to dilute the rules and create loopholes big enough, in the words of Michigan's Democrat Sen. Carl Levin, "that a Mack truck could drive right through it."

Our banks still won't admit they have a problem. That means we still have a problem too.

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Timing!

By ED STEPHENS
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Some jokes manage to be old, corny, and profound at the same time. For example, one routine has a guy asking a comedian the secret to being funny.

Guy: "What's the secret of--"

Comedian (interrupting): "Timing!"

Well, that's old, for sure. Corny? Yep. But profound? Yes, indeed. Because in communications, timing really is everything. People don't heed something unless they feel a reason to heed it. You can't command someone's attention, the best you can do is seduce it, baby. This fact separates the hacks from the pros in any medium.

But the timing isn't yet right for a true take on the CNMI's economic situation. Who would listen? Nobody. The CNMI is still under the spell of wishful thinking, still engrossed in its own dramas, still in the emotionally-driven revolving door of seeking new messiahs and vilifying old ones.

So let's just let the action play out. There is no need to hurry things. Water seeks its own level.

In the meantime, I'll mention a little yarn about communications and timing. So pull up a beach chair. Crank up the boom box and play some Oingo Boingo. And, here, have a cold one. It'll help set the mood. Cheers.

When I was a teenager I had a pal who had a rich daddy. OK, I had a few such pals, but this one in particular drove a brand new car that Daddy bought him. He was a nice kid, very popular, and we generally went to the same parties, but he had a penchant for driving with reckless abandon. My reaction was that he was awfully hard on that car of his; I bought mine with money I had earned and I treated it like a Ming vase in an avalanche zone.

Nobody wanted to see the rich kid get messed up in a car crash, or get tangled with the cops, so over the span of a few months a few people diplomatically suggested that he "chill out" on the wild driving routine. Alas, he was totally deaf to such pleas.

Anyway, one night he crashed his car. The cops were there but in the aftermath his daddy managed to play the "only a lad" card, so the authorities gave him the benefit of the doubt.

Shortly thereafter, our lad was back on the road, not humbled by contrition but instead emboldened by apparent invulnerability.

His second event landed him in truly deep trouble, so much the worse because they had given him a break the first time around.

So while the rest of us were enjoying teenage life, and the biggest problem any of us had was a pimple, this guy was sweating various legal proceedings. He also lost his license. His dad took his car. Worst of all, he lost his dates, such were the vehicular logistics of teenage life.

As he'd regale us with tales of woe, people would nod patiently but would eventually say, "Dude, I tried to warn you, but you wouldn't listen."

To which he once replied, "Well, I'm listening now, because I need a ride to school."

Indeed, the guy who had been given a car was worse off than the poor mooks like me who had to earn ours. He had inverted his initial advantage by ignoring rationality, thus winding up worse off than if he didn't have the advantage at all. That is a paradox I have long pondered.

I'm not making a moral point. I'm not a moralizer, and I heed the old Chinese saying that goodie-goodies are the thieves of virtue. Well, no virtue here: I'm merely pointing out the hedonic economics of being a bonehead.

Segueing back to the Commonwealth economy, our generous Uncle Sam has sent out money that is measured in the accumulative billions (BILLIONS) of dollars now. But even generosity can have side effects, and the CNMI never had to acquire a sense of economic cause-and-effect in order to survive.

The CNMI has never heeded any warnings. Why should it? It's speeding around curves in the dark, head full of whiskey, laughing at all the mooks who have to eek out a living by the brute effort of workaday toil.

Well, speed on, brother! It's your car, not mine. Show us workin' folks how smart you are. There will be time enough to recount the situation afterwards.

Yeah, afterwards, but, after what, exactly? Good question. Barring some dire budgetary hiccup in Washington, I suspect the CNMI won't be in the listening mode until a crime problem starts giving people immediate worries. Abductions, rapes, robberies, arson, murders, that's a precocious list of mischief for such a small venue. If the trend continues, then perhaps people will want to think about things in terms other than slogans.

And maybe then we can talk about things rationally. But for now it can't be hurried. Why not? Timing!

Tax mirage isn't the answer

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The more the elected elite search for lasting answers to stop the persistent revenue decline, the more they sink into the filthy swamp of disorientation and delusion.

The woefully bad business climate, stampeded by more ill-conceived tax mirage and further piled by the prohibitive cost of utilities NMI-wide, are issues that have driven business closures steadily. Thus the huge decline in local revenues.

It must be dizzying trying to map out the beast after decades of negligence as to derail any sense of unity in the formulation of principled policy solutions. It lends to an easy slide into the new norm of ad hoc planning, peddling feel good temporary measures.

They now do the rain dance, delicately juggling money collected daily to pay off over $40 million in deficit, not to mention the $200 million plus it owes the Fund. Deficits are constitutionally prohibited after the second year of any administration. This too has largely been ignored.

Thus, the search for answers commences in the hollow corners of their mind. Indeed, it's a mind-numbing task given the magnitude of a seemingly irreversible economic disaster. But there's the "better times" challenge promised two years ago that has become a source of embarrassment or an ugly permanent scar.

Definitely, the elected elite would chance employing the cargo cult mentality in hopes of easing the humongous drop in revenues. The local treasury is parched brown and dry! Would their adolescent alternative work against an impending historic financial disaster? Is time in their hands or have events overtaken their lame agility to do things right?

In their infinite wisdom peddlers of casino have seen fit to blatantly ignore the voice of governance on this issue. They must have concocted new mathematical formula as to brave asserting that casino would bring in an additional $10 million in taxes. It's nothing more than a hollowed and honeyed plea of ignorance. Isn't it true that Tinian Dynasty owes the local government some $30 million plus in taxes? How then do they justify $10 million in additional taxes?

Then comes the hasty mirage to saddle private industries with "exogenous" taxes. It's hard enough running a business in a very sluggish business climate. Why push and hasten more business closures with ill-conceived taxes? Such measures would only exact the complete opposite: discourage new business startups while forcing existing businesses to flee the islands. It's contractionary!

Does anybody have the coconuts to declare, "Wrong direction, let's go this way!" I think it's called leadership. The woefully prohibitive cost of utilities is a major stifling issue in the obvious decline of the business climate here. How about doing your homework by realistically repealing this and other beastly statutory impositions called "regressive" policies? Why must you actively partake in staring down at the edge of the NMI's fiscal cliff? Isn't the closure of a lot of businesses a sufficient indicator that investments have contracted severely and need real time resuscitation? Imposing more taxes is a mirage, ludicrous in all its form and substance.

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Death of traditional foundation

The deepening economic disaster at home reminded this scribe of the words of a saintly old lady who said: "Tradition is the only ship of hope and security for our people in both calm and storm."

She held the belief that traditional farming and fishing would have ensured steady, sturdy and stable days for families throughout the archipelago. Mirrored against the shift to a money economy, it's sad how tradition has slowly faded into history. Traditional farming and fishing have died, silently, too.

I probed her mind if only to secure some clarity in her vision. Said she, "The last time we had an economy was before the war. Our lifestyle may not be inundated with amenities, but we always have something to sell at the market for domestic and export purposes." She added, "Families had something even in for regular or incidental purchases." She noted that Japan bought everything from sugar to dry tuna fish to feed the larger population in Tokyo.

She was firm that had we gone back to basics or indigenous foundation, we would have improved upon local produce destined for export and domestic markets.

"We've had an historic relationship with our friends from the Land of the Rising Sun and it would have worked by seeking their assistance too." Opportunities abound to upgrade locally grown farm produce to the next level: small cottage industries in pickled, bagged, or canned food.

The assertion forced a romantic meandering on the "what might have been" had we held on to them. It brought back a quick journey through my younger days when most of my peers did some farm chores other than hunting. It was hard work from dawn to dusk.

Imagine arcane farming methods of swinging a machete all day long, chopping huge *tañgan tañgan*, powering and slamming a pick to uproot them to prepare a garden for root crops, fruits and veggies. I dreaded those days because they were hard ones, toiling the soil to plant the future meals of the family. However hard those days, it was a family endeavor that quietly spells "survival" now or never! It made many who endured the golden days better and stronger members of the community.

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Indelible lessons

The farm chores ensured lessons for families: Honing the sweat equity that builds and strengthens honesty and skills acquisition on survival. It also strengthened the fabric of indigenous ethic, family unit and spiritual foundation, and sense of compassion. It included an affirmation of a sense of cultural values hailing from time-honored tradition; and, use of personal industry to earn our dues without government dependency.

Though farm chores were hard, we moved alongside our parents, learning the values of earning our dues. It instills a sense of honesty and steered clear from gaming the work of others who work the clock for their basic needs. We shared what we had and humbly made do with the rewards of hard work. Sadly, though, farm chores have faded into history, too.

"But after the war we became lazy and relied heavily on jobs provided by the naval administration," she lamented, adding, "it provided the more convenient means of bringing home the bacon than working the fields and being your own boss."

She related that change from tradition to a money economy isn't necessarily good for the indigenous people who once were "very industrious." She laments the detrimental reliance on government and private sector jobs and how it slowly uprooted the indigenous people from their traditional foundation. It was a thoughtful journey in the shifting sands of change.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Pension spiking'

Discovering the "pension spiking" that gave some 150 retirees extra pension annuity is an ill-gotten compensation, and the Retirement Fund was tardy to recalculate the pension annuity of these retirees to effectuate the correct, adjusted, lawful and justified annuity amount. Someone in the Retirement Fund is sleeping at the helm for its failure to implement 1 CMC, Section 8313 (p) of the retirement law. But that does not make it right for these retirees to continue earning what they wouldn't have received had the Retirement Fund applied the correct pension calculation for the annuity amount of these retirees.

This situation is telling that it is possible that some cases may have resulted in faulty and erroneous calculation derived by manual methods and use of charts that could be misapplied by mistake. No one will know if these situations were proper and correctly calculated unless the Retirement Fund make a 100 percent review and audit of retirees' pension annuity calculation.

Then again, fraud and other intentional unlawful deeds by those in charge of these administrative functions is possible. The general public should have a need to know, and the Retirement Fund should take the necessary steps to ascertain to the general public that it has met all its fiduciary responsibilities on this.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼76
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲91	▼76
Chuuk	Showers	▲89	▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87	▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲87	▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲87	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲63	▼55
Beijing	Sunny	▲89	▼58
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87	▼80
Honolulu	Windy	▲84	▼74
London	Sunny	▲69	▼58
Los Angeles	Showers	▲63	▼53
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89	▼81
Melbourne	Showers	▲57	▼48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86	▼77
New York	Thundershowers	▲76	▼66
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼61
Paris	Sunny	▲75	▼57
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼62
Rome	Thundershowers	▲80	▼60
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼47
San Francisco	Showers	▲55	▼51
Seoul	Sunny	▲78	▼55
Tokyo	Showers	▲74	▼62
Washington, DC	Thunderhowers	▲87	▼69

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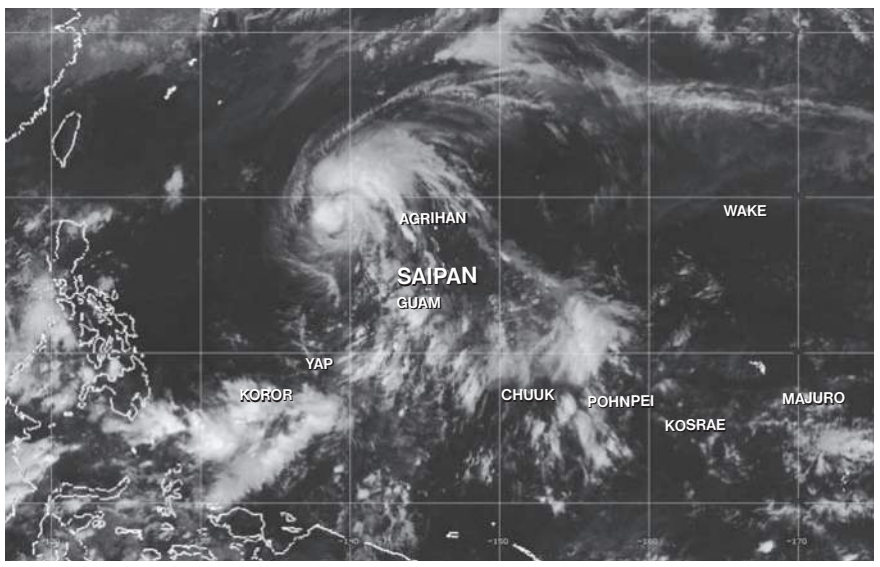

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Sanvu (03W) is centered northwest of Guam at 18N139E and is moving toward the northwest at 12 mph with maximum sustained winds of 70 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 175 miles of the center of Sanvu. For more information on Tropical Storm Sanvu, see bulletins issued by the JTWC under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. Convergent winds southeast of Tropical Storm Sanvu are causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Guam and the CNMI within 200 miles of a line from 17N143E to 6N155E. A monsoon trough extends eastward across 7N130E to near Koror at 8N136E then curves northward over Yap and into Tropical Storm Sanvu. Scattered showers are found near Koror and over Yap within 200 miles of a line from 5N130E to 5N137E to 10N141E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms just south of Majuro and over Butaritari within 175 miles of a line from 4N167E to 4N176E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:05 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
4:41 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
10:11 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
5:36 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:01 AM	10:06 PM
Saturday	9:53 AM	10:49 PM
Sunday	10:45 AM	11:32 PM
Monday	11:37 AM	
Tuesday	12:30 PM	12:13 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)**			
UA5062	2:40am	3:10am	1, 5	UA5062	3:40am	5:40am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)				**SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)**			
UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 5	UA5064	4:15am	4:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**			
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 5	UA5062	2:40am	4:15am	1, 5 via ROP
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30pm	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**			
DL287	6:05am	8:50am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)				**GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	8:05am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:15pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	UA190/5077	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	PR110/C05071	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 5, 7 via GUM	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA5072/PR111	10:05pm	7:50am+1	3, 6 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:25pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM
				OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50pm	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7
UA5076/147	4:35pm	9:45pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ604/723	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5076	10:35pm	8:00am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

CNMI mock trial team holds its own in highly competitive field

After topping the 3rd Annual Asia-Pacific Invitational Mock Trial Competition in Guam last November and emerging as the champion of the 2012 CNMI High School Mock Trial Competition this March, the Mount Carmel School mock trial team concluded its remarkable season in Albuquerque, New Mexico as Team NMI at the 2012 National High School Mock Trial Championship.

» Group scrimmages with national champion

The annual world-class competition saw more than 1,000 participants and 46 teams from around the United States, the CNMI, Guam, and South Korea.

The Commonwealth's representatives consisted of Victor Manuel Cabrera, Lourence Jason Camacho, Anne Gelika Elenzano, Andrea Grace Manese, Ji Min Ryu, Anastasia Rose Schweiger, and Dominic Travilla. Teacher-coaches Galvin Deleon Guerrero and Lourdes Mendiola and attorney-coach Joseph Taijeron Jr. accompanied the team, along with six members of the junior varsity portion of the team consisting of 7th and 8th graders.

In the four rounds of competition, Team NMI went up against schools from Nevada, Nebraska, Alabama, and Maine. Team NMI lost an extremely close round to Nevada and then responded with a decisive win over Alabama, sweeping the round's ballots. The team then split ballots with 14th place Nebraska and held their own against a talented Maine team and finished 39th in the tournament ahead of teams representing Connecticut, Massachusetts, South Korea, Utah, Alabama, Rhode Island, and Wyoming.

When asked about her experience competing in the National Mock Trial Competition, Schweiger replied, "It was an unforgettable experience." This is Schweiger's second year competing at the national level. "It is definitely one of the most challenging and time-consuming competitions. However, I know our hard work and dedication really paid off. I've learned so much about the national competition, and I plan to take the skills I've learned and apply them to future competitions."

Prior to the competition, Team NMI scrimmaged twice against the eventual national champion Albuquerque Academy, from New Mexico. The national champions expressed their appreciation to the team for the competitive scrimmages, adding that the practice round helped prepare them for the competition.

"It was truly our pleasure to scrimmage with you and to get to know this team from the islands. Interacting with the CNMI team started us off on the right foot," Albuquerque Academy Mock Trial coach Joaquin Sanchez said.

"We scheduled the scrimmages with New Mexico thinking that they would be well-prepared and we are so happy that they won the national title," Taijeron said. "The coaches were confident in the team's abilities. We believed in them and we hoped we worked hard enough but there's no way to tell at the local level."

"After two scrimmages we could tell that we were up to par with what eventually turned out to be the nation's best team. We are definitely headed in the right direction," Taijeron said. "We should be proud of our CNMI program and the caliber of team that our islands can produce."

Next year's national tournament will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Team NMI was composed of just one senior this year so the Knights are interested in adding a few new recruits for the 2013 season and hope to compete for a national championship if they win the local competition. ***(PR)***

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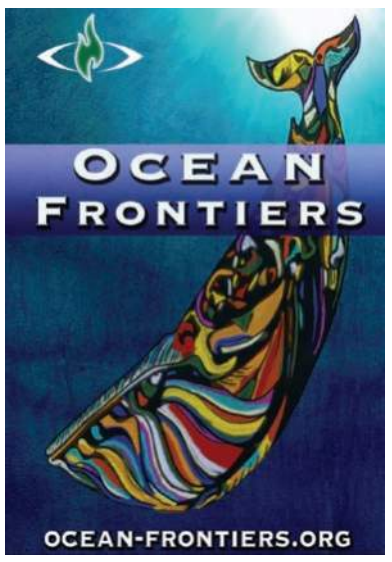
First Friday Films marks 2nd year

First Friday Films is celebrating its second anniversary and World Oceans Day by showing the film *Ocean Frontiers*, sponsored by the Pacific Marine Resources Institute, on June 1, 2012, at 6:30pm at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center. Following the film, the audience will also be invited into the courtyard of the Visitor's Center for a brief reception.

Ocean Frontiers takes us on an inspiring voyage to seaports and watersheds across the country—from the busy shipping lanes of Boston Harbor to a small fishing community in the Pacific Northwest; from America's coral reefs in the Florida Keys to the nation's premier seafood nursery in the Mississippi Delta. Here we meet a mixture of unlikely allies, of industrial shippers and whale biologists, pig farmers and wetland ecologists, sport and commercial fishermen, reef snorkelers and many more, all of them embarking on a new course of cooperation, in defense



of the seas that sustain us. Filmed in HD, *Ocean Frontiers* is a documentary and outreach campaign to inspire and mobilize audiences to better care for the ocean, for the good of all.

Exhibits by DEQ Marine Monitoring Team, Pacific Marine Resources Institute, and Marianas Island Nature Alliance will be on display in the lobby area of the American Visitors Center before and after the film. After the film and courtyard reception, moviegoers are invited to join the First Friday Films crew for dinner at Spicy Thai across the Park to discuss the films they've viewed and the future of our film program.

First Friday Films is a monthly film series and is a partnership between the National Park Service and the Division of Environmental Quality, with generous support from community groups and organizations such as the Pacific Marine Resources Institute, which is sponsoring this film.

For planning purposes, the movie runs about 80 minutes long. As always, First Friday Films is free and open to the public. Find more information about the film at www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com. Subscribe to the blog for regular updates on upcoming events. ***(DEQ)***

Free Cash for College workshop on Tinian on June 8

The Northern Marianas College will host a free "Cash for College" workshop that is aimed at assisting students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop will be on Friday, June 8, 2012, at the NMC Tinian Instructional Site in Room D. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by any time between 9am and 1pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Tinian Municipal Scholarship, the CNMI Scholarship and more. Participants will also receive fee waivers for the NMC admissions application fee and placement test fees, which is a savings of $75.

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from their high school, tax forms, and proof of CNMI residency for 2010 and 2011, including proof of continuing residency.

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PROMOTION

Congratulations to Maylynn Henrick Babauta on your promotion to Warrant Officer 01 (US Army) on May 23, 2012, in Ft. Rucker, Alabama. We salute you, ma'am, and we are proud of you. Greetings come from your baby Kody Angel and daddy Francisco and the rest of the Henrick Babauta family.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

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Happy birthday Shawna Mauricio! God bless you. Enjoy your special day girlfriend! Greetings come from the family.

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Happy 11th birthday to my boy, Nygel Limes Wabol, and may you have many more birthdays and birthday wishes to come! Love: Dad, Mom, and sister Bing.

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Happy sweet birthday to our princess, Taylor Jade Castro Cabrera! May God continue to bless you with the greatest wonder in life! Mommy, Daddy, Ando, and your family loves you!

Top Korea paper to visit the CNMI

One of Korea's top daily newspapers and the travel magazine of one of the country's largest tour companies arrive in the Northern Mariana Islands in June 2012 on a familiarization tour expected to bring over $50,000 in advertising exposure to this beach resort destination.

JoongAng Ilbo and *The Traveller* will visit the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota on a five-day tour.

While on Saipan, the media will visit the Sabalu Market, interview a local artist at the "I Love Saipan" store, shop at DFS, and experience aqua biking and Island Infusions.

On Rota, the tour group will have an intro to diving at the Rota Scuba Center, grab lunch at Pizzaria, take an island tour, dine at Tokyo-en, and take in a nature spa.

The group kicks off its tour on Tinian, where they will enjoy stargazing, an ATV tour, lunch at JC Cafe, bottom-fishing, snorkeling, a beach barbeque dinner, and gaming at Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

"These two media outlets are no strangers to the Northern Marianas and have visited us before," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "The fact that they are returning shows a continued interest in our destination, which as received 7 percent more visitors from Korea so far this fiscal year compared to last fiscal year."

JoongAng Ilbo is a conservative daily newspaper published in Korea. It is one of the "top three newspapers" nationwide and has a circulation of 2.5 million copies daily. It also has an English edition, *JoongAng Daily*.

The Traveller is a monthly travel magazine issued by Hana T & Media, which is a subsidiary of Hana Tour. Hana T & Media publishes two magazines. *The Traveller* targets the general public/potential travelers, and the *Hana Traveller* is distributed to Hana Tour's retail agents and Hana Tour's customers.

Accommodations are being provided by Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, Rota Resort, and Hyatt Regency Saipan. ***(MVA)***

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Guam business to pay $77.5K to settle EEOC lawsuit

HAGATNA, Guam—Guam and Micronesia's leading pharmaceutical drug wholesaler, MD Wholesale, will pay $77,500 to settle a sexual harassment lawsuit filed by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the federal agency announced yesterday.

Two female employees at MD Wholesale's facility in Taminung, Guam, were sexually harassed by a male supervisor since at least 2008, according to the EEOC. The harassment included verbal and physical conduct of a sexual nature, creating a hostile work environment, the EEOC said. The company did not have an anti-harassment policy in place at the time the harassment occurred. The EEOC argued that MD Wholesale was liable because the company took no measures to prevent the harassment from occurring and failed to take effective action to stop the harassment, despite complaints to an assistant manager.

Sexual harassment violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Following an investigation, the EEOC filed its lawsuit in September 2011 in U.S. District Court for the District of Guam (EEOC v. Mariano Prime LLC dba MD Wholesale, Case No. 11-00029) after first attempting to settle the matter through its conciliation process.

As part of the settlement announced yesterday, the parties entered into a three-year consent decree requiring MD Wholesale to revise its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure and retain an equal employment opportunity coordinator to ensure all staff are trained regarding their rights with respect to discrimination, harassment and retaliation in the workplace.

MD Wholesale agreed to provide additional training for management and human resources officials so that they are equipped to appropriately deal with future EEO complaints. Aside from the monetary relief for the victims, MD Wholesale will also track future complaints by creating a centralized tracking system, and the EEOC will monitor compliance with the agreement as well as review MD Wholesale's handling of future EEO complaints.

"All workers have the right to go to work without the fear that someone will unlawfully touch, humiliate or otherwise discriminate against them," said Anna Y. Park, regional attorney for the EEOC's Los Angeles District Office, which has jurisdiction over Guam. "We commend MD Wholesale for taking these initial steps toward securing a harassment-free working environment."

Timothy Riera, director for the EEOC's Honolulu Local Office, which services Guam, added, "Employers need to take a top-down approach toward preventing and effectively dealing with harassment and discrimination on the job. That starts with a policy and complaint process that works and is communicated to all. Managers, in particular, need to be trained to appropriately deal with potential civil rights abuses, and certainly not become part of the problem. Where there are gaps in understanding the law, the EEOC is here to help."

The EEOC enforces federal laws prohibiting employment discrimination. Further information about the EEOC is available on its web site at www.eeoc.gov. ***(EEOC)***

DEQ needs volunteers for COP beach cleanup

The Division of Environmental Quality's cleanup brigade will be picking up trash at Coral Ocean Point Beach on Saipan this Saturday, June 2, 2012, at 8am.

If you would like to volunteer, meet the DEQ representatives on Saturday at the beach entrance parking lot. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a green brigade t-shirt.

Last month, the cleanup at Makaka Beach drew over 30 volunteers from Hopwood My Wave Club, William S. Reyes Elementary School, Marianas High School, Northern Marianas Academy, and others. Some 460 lbs of trash was removed from the beach and properly disposed off.

The DEQ is looking forward to a repeat success this Saturday, so join DEQ's cleanup brigade. Let us work together for the health of our coral reefs and cleanliness of our beaches for everyone to enjoy.

For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(DEQ)***

Let's finish painting the Tanapag center

The Inetnon Amot yan Kutturan Natibu/Mwiischil Safey me Kkoor Aramasal Faluw, in partnership with the Office of the Mayor of Saipan and the Tanapag Parish Council, is looking for volunteers to help complete the painting of the Tanapag Community Center (across the Tanapag Church) this Saturday, May 26, 2012, from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Paints and brushes will be provided but you may bring your own paint brush. Lunch will also be provided.

With the new look and a little renovation at the center, the Tanapag Community Center will also be a part-time Chamorro-Carolinian village cultural center where traditional Chamorro and Carolinian knowledge and practices may be taught on some Saturdays throughout the year.

Funding for the painting and renovation of the Tanapag Community Center was provided in part by a grant from the Administration for Native Americans, an agency under the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department Health and Human Services, to the Inetnon Amot yan Kutturan Natibu/Mwiilschil Safey me Kkoor Aramasal Faluw. For more information, call 322-0278. ***(PR)***

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
COMMONWEALTH BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Board of Nurse Examiners Board of Directors, is hereby giving notice that the Board will have an emergency meeting on Sunday, May 27, 2012. The meeting will be held at the CEO Conference Room 2, Commonwealth Health Center, Saipan, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary Matters –
1. Roll Call

II. Call to Order

III. Adoption of Minutes -
1. April 10, 2012

IV. Adoption of Agenda
1. Introduction of New Office Manager
   Office update
2. Election of officers

V. Miscellaneous

VI. Adjournment

/s/ Aurelia G. Long, NP
Chairperson

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Parole Hearing

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and LT. Governor Eloy Inos, through the Board of Parole Office, and pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992". Notice is hereby given that a **Parole Hearing** is scheduled for **May 30, 2012, (Wednesday) beginning at 9:00 A.M., and if need be to continue on May 31, 2012, at 9:00 A.M. at the Vicente Taman Seman Building, Department of Corrections, Briefing/Training Room**, Susupe, Saipan.

The following items are included in the agenda:

I. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Presence of Quorum

II. Consent Items
1. Adoption of Agenda

III. Parole Application

		BOP No.	Criminal Case No.
1.	Arnold K. Atalig	12-003	06-0083A
2.	Roland H. Muna	12-004	10-0184
3.	Jesse Q. Saralu	12-005	08-0053D / 02-0086
4.	Craig Borja	12-006	11-0153(T)
5.	Joshua Deleon Guerrero	12-007	11-0158E
6.	Kurt B. King	12-008	10-0111(T)

IV. Re-Application

		BOP No.	Criminal Case No.
1.	Mark Wayne Torres	12-RA-001	00-0012D
2.	Manuel K. Pangelinan	12-RA-002	04-0213 / 88-226

V. Miscellaneous
Other Matters

VI. Adjournment

If you have any question, please call the Parole Office at telephone number 664-3300 or 3302.

/s/ Ramon B. Camacho
Chairman

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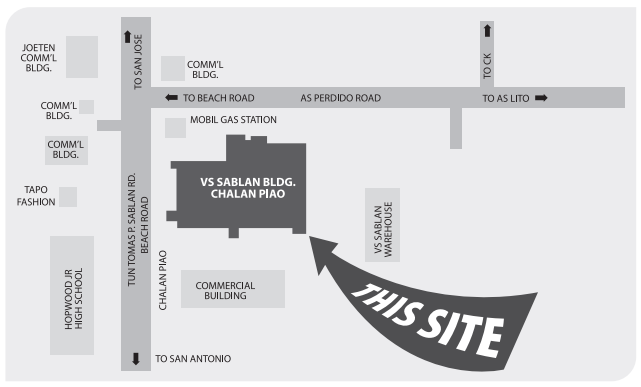

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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-003-12

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed bids for **Trash Collection Services** for a period of **two years** at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails providing trash collection services for the Airport as described in the scope of work. The **bid package** which includes the **scope of work, draft agreement, and insurance requirements** will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning **Friday, May 25, 2012**. Bidders must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this IFB shall also take into account any and all costs that will be charged to the bidder awarded the contract for the project. Bidders shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *"Proposal for the Trash Collection Services at the Francisco C. Ada/ Saipan International Airport".* One original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The apparent lowest bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and insurance requirements. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive and responsible," their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A **pre-bid conference** will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **9:00 am, Tuesday, June 12, 2012** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All prospective bidders may attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director in writing at least 7 days prior to the pre-bid conference.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

Contractor will be required to obtain insurance policies based on CPA's requirements. Copies of the insurance requirements may be obtained with the scope of work at the office of the Executive Director.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Invitation For Bids; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

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All bids shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director

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Date

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AUCTION NOTICES

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all the rights, title and interests of NMHC in and to the following described real property will be sold at auction:

LOT NO.:	001 C 57	MORTAR LN., SAN ROQUE, SAIPAN	**MINIMUM BID:**	$68,230.00
LOT NO.:	006 T 18	SAN JOSE VILLAGE, TINIAN	**MINIMUM BID:**	$56,219.36

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on June 26, 2012, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Minimum Bid. The minimum acceptable bid for each property shall be $(please see above).
2. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of NMHC as Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, NMHC shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a. To withdraw any property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. To reject any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Acting Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facisimile: 234-9021; or to Law Office of Vicente T. Salas, P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard). The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will automatically revert to NMHC.
6. Change of Terms. NMHC reserves the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. The interests of NMHC in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property or any related documents will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.
8. Lease with Option to Purchase. NMHC gives notice that it will also consider bids or offers to lease the property, subject to the following additional terms and conditions:
   a. The Lease Price bid shall not be less than the listed Minimum Bid price.
   b. An up-front payment of ten percent (10%) of the Lease Price must be paid upon award by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard).
   c. The balance of the Lease Price shall accrue interest at six percent (6%) per annum.
   d. Monthly payments of the Lease will be considered rental payments only and not installments toward purchase and shall not grant the lessee any equity or ownership interest in the property or be construed in any way to encumber NMHC's rights, title and interest in the property beyond the granting of a lease for a specific term of years.
   e. Maximum acceptable Lease term shall be thirty (30) years.
   f. A lease agreement will be given upon receipt of the up-front payment and shall include:
      i. No alterations or improvements without the prior written consent of NMHC.
      ii. Lessee to insure property and improvements during the Lease term.
      iii. Lessee responsible for all utilities and other charges associated with the property.
      iv. Lease not to be assigned or mortgaged without prior written consent of NMHC.
      v. Failure to make a monthly payment grounds for termination and eviction.
      vi. Lease may, at the request of lessee, contain an Option to Purchase provision exercisable upon: (A) payment in full of the Lease Price; (B) the Lease not having been declared to be in default; and (C) payment of $100.00 option consideration. If the option is properly exercised, a quitclaim deed will be given.
   g. In the event of competing lease bids, greater weight will be given to the leasehold offer with the better price, shorter term and larger monthly payments.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2012.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios, Acting Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
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Lt. Governor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This ad is paid for by NMHC funds.

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is the agency authorized to allocate Low Incoming Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) in the CNMI. The United States 1986 Tax Reform Act created the federal low-income housing tax credit program under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) to assist with the development of low-income rental housing by providing qualified owners with credit to offset their federal tax obligations. The LIHTC is available to owners/developers of qualifying buildings and projects that meet certain low-income occupancy and rent restrictions.

Section 42 of the Code provides that the CNMI prepare a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to determine housing priorities and to give preference to projects serving the lowest income tenants and projects obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest periods. The QAP must incorporate selection criteria, which includes project location, housing need characteristics, sponsor characteristics, tenant populations with special needs, and public housing waiting lists. NMHC has made amendments to the previous QAP's selection criteria and fees.

NMHC will conduct a public hearing to solicit comments from the public on June 11, 2012, 10:00 a.m. at NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan. Copies of the amended QAP are also available at NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan.

Interested persons wishing to express their views on the amended QAP may do so either by attending the public hearing or by submitting comments to NMHC by 4:30 p.m. on June 11, 2012.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
Acting Corporate Director

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for persons with disabilities or persons requiring interpreters upon prior notification. Should you require such arrangement, please contact Ms. Jocelyn Kaipat at telephone numbers 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Apartment and Condominium for Rent

GILL BLAS CONDOMINIUM

One Year Contract: Regular Price from ~~$650.00~~ NOW $500.00
Monthly Basis: Price Ranges from $550.00
Power and Water EXCLUDED
LOCATION: Lower Miha, GARAPAN, where 747 Dining & Bar is situated
AMENITIES:
- 24-hr water supply
- Common waste container
- Free moving-service
- On-duty security guard at night
- Parking space
- Back-up generator
- Furnished unit w/ balcony
- Laundry facility
- On-site maintenance
- Swimming pool

SEDA BLANCA APARTMENT

Monthly Basis: Studio Type - $350.00 • 1 Bedroom - $450.00
Power and Water EXCLUDED
LOCATION: Lower Miha, GARAPAN, nearby 747 Dining & Bar
AMENITIES:
- 24-hr water supply
- Common waste container
- Free moving-service
- On-site maintenance
- Back-up generator
- Furnished unit w/ balcony
- Laundry facility
- Parking space

PASTEL INN APARTMENT

One Year Contract: Studio – Regular Price ~~$350.00~~ NOW $250.00
2 Bedroom Regular Price ~~$550.00~~ NOW $400.00
Monthly Basis: Studio Type - $270.00 • 2 Bedroom - $420.00
LOCATION: SAN JOSE, right next to Roshi's Store (along Beach Rd)
AMENITIES:
- 24-hr water supply
- Common waste container
- Free moving-service
- On-site maintenance
- Swimming pool w/ BBQ area
- Back-up generator
- Furnished unit w/ balcony
- Laundry facility
- Spacious yard
- Broad parking space (front area and backside)

Apartment Promo
monthly basis-renewable until June 30, 2012

ANAKS OCEAN VIEW HILL SAIPAN

GILL BLAS CONDOMINIUM

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ANAKS RESORT
Available units:
2-BEDROOM—Size: 79 square meter
3-BEDROOM—Size: 123 square meter

GILL BLAS CONDOMINIUM
Available units:
1-BEDROOM—Size: 60 square meter
2-BEDROOM—Size: 75 square meter
3-BEDROOM—Size: 120 square meter

SEDA BLANCA APARTMENT

PASTEL INN APARTMENT

ATOM'S MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING
233-8880
We also accommodate Daily, Weekly or Monthly basis.
Promo price in only offered for cash payments.
Payments made by credit card will be charged the regular price.
For further details: You can visit ATOM's CO., LTD. office, located in Garapan, Saipan. Our office hour is 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on weekdays and 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm on weekends. You can also contact us thru phone at 233-8880 or send us an e-mail at atoms@pticom.com

Case Number 1:12-bk-00003

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
BANKRUPTCY DIVISION

Notice of
Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case, Meeting of Creditors, & Deadlines

A chapter 11 bankruptcy case concerning the debtors listed below was filed on 4/17/12.

You may be a creditor of the debtor. **This notice lists important deadlines**. You may want to consult an attorney to protect your rights. All documents filed in the case may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below. NOTE: The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

See Reverse Side For Important Explanations

Debtor (name used by the debtor in the last 8 years, including married, maiden, trade, and address):
Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund
Honorable Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero
Retirement Fund Building, First Floor
Isa Drive, Capital Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Case Number: 1:12-bk-00003	Social Security / Individual Taxpayer ID / Employer Tax ID / Other nos: 26-0061591
Attorney for Debtor (name and address): BROWN RUDNICK LLP Jeremy B. Coffey, Esq. Steven D. Pohl, Esq. One Financial Center Boston, MA 02111 Telephone number: (617) 856-8200	Braddock J. Huesman Law Office of Braddock J. Huesman, LLC. P.O. Box 501916 Saipan, MP 96950 Telephone number (670) 234-9006

Meeting of Creditors

Date: **June 15, 2012** Time: **09:00 AM**
Location: **1st Floor, Horiguchi Building, 123 Kopa Di Oro St., Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950**

Deadline to File a Proof of Claim

Proof of claim must be received by the bankruptcy clerk's office by the following deadline:

Notice of the Deadline to file proofs of claim will be transmitted through a separate notice.

Creditor with a Foreign Address:

A creditor to whom this notice is sent at a foreign address should read the information under "Claims" on the reverse side.

Deadline to File a Complaint to Determine Dischargeability of Certain Debts: 8/14/12

Creditors May Not Take Certain Actions:

In most instances, the filing of the bankruptcy case automatically stays certain collection and other actions against the debtor and the debtor's property. Under certain circumstances, the stay may be limited to 30 days or not exist at all, although the debtor can request the court to extend or impose a stay. If you attempt to collect a debt or take other action in violation of the Bankruptcy Code, you may be penalized. Consult a lawyer to determine your rights in this case.

Address of the Bankruptcy Clerk's Office:	**For the Court**
2nd Floor, Horiguchi Building Beach Road, Garapan P.O. Box 500687 Saipan, MP 96950 Telephone number: (670) 236-2902/(670) 236-2910	Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court: Galo L. Perez By: /s/ Amanda C. Hayes, Deputy Clerk
Hours Open: 8:00AM-11:30AM / 12:30PM-3:30PM, Mon.–Fri.	

Case Number 1:12-bk-00003

EXPLANATIONS

Filing of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case	A bankruptcy case under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (title 11, United States Code) has been filed in this Bankruptcy court by or against the debtor listed on the front side, and an order for relief has been entered. Chapter 11 allows a debtor to reorganize or liquidate pursuant to a plan. A plan is not effective unless confirmed by the court. You may be sent a copy of the plan and a disclosure statement telling you about the plan, and you might have the opportunity to vote on the plan. You will be sent notice of the date of the confirmation hearing, and you may object to confirmation of the plan and attend the confirmation hearing. Unless a trustee is serving, the debtor will remain in possession of the debtor's property and may continue to operate any business.
Legal Advice	The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice. Consult a lawyer to determine your rights in this case.
Creditors Generally May Not Take Certain Actions	Prohibited collection actions are listed in Bankruptcy Code § 362. Common examples of prohibited actions include contacting the debtor by telephone, mail or otherwise to demand repayment; taking actions to collect money or obtain property from the debtor; repossessing the debtor's property; and starting or continuing lawsuits or foreclosures. Under certain circumstances, the stay may be limited to 30 days or not exist at all, although the debtor can request the court to extend or impose a stay.
Meeting of Creditors	A meeting of creditors is scheduled for the date, time and location listed on the front side. *The debtor's representative must be present at the meeting to be questioned under oath by the trustee and by creditors*. Creditors are welcome to attend, but are not required to do so. The meeting may be continued and concluded at a later date specified in a notice filed with the court. The court, after notice and a hearing, may order that the United States trustee not convene the meeting if the debtor has filed a plan for which the debtor solicited acceptances before filing the case.
Claims	A Proof of Claim is a signed statement describing a creditor's claim. If a Proof of Claim form is not included with this notice, you can obtain one at any bankruptcy clerk's office. You may look at the schedules that have been filed at the bankruptcy clerk's office. If your claim is scheduled and is not listed as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, it will be allowed in the amount scheduled unless you filed a Proof of Claim or you are sent further notice about the claim. Whether or not your claim is scheduled, you are permitted to file a Proof of Claim. If your claim is not listed at all *or* if your claim is listed as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, then you must file a Proof of Claim or you might not be paid any money on your claim and may be unable to vote on the plan. A secured creditor retains rights in its collateral regardless of whether that creditor files a Proof of Claim. Filing a Proof of Claim submits the creditor to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court, with consequences a lawyer can explain. For example, a secured creditor who files a Proof of Claim may surrender important nonmonetary rights, including the right to a jury trial. **Filing Deadline for a Creditor with a Foreign Address:** The deadlines for filing claims set forth on the front of this notice apply to all creditors. If this notice has been mailed to a creditor at a foreign address, the creditor may file a motion requesting the court to extend the deadline.
Discharge of Debts	Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debts, which may include all or part of your debt. See Bankruptcy Code § 1141(d). A discharge means that you may never try to collect the debt from the debtor, except as provided in the plan. If you believe that a debt owed to you is not dischargeable under Bankruptcy Code § 1141(d)(6)A), you must start a lawsuit by filing a complaint in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the "Deadline to File a Complaint to Determine Dischargeability of Certain Debts" listed on the front side. The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive the complaint and any required filing fee by that Deadline
Bankruptcy Clerk's Office	Any paper that you file in this bankruptcy case should be filed at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed on the front side. You may inspect all papers filed, including the list of the debtor's property and debts and the list of the property claimed as exempt, at the bankruptcy clerk's office.
Creditor with a Foreign Address	Consult a lawyer familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions regarding your rights in this case.

Refer to Other Side for Important Deadlines and Notices

Business

United says 'konnichiwa' to Tokyo

United Airlines announced Tuesday its plans to launch daily, nonstop flights between its Denver hub and its hub at Tokyo Narita International Airport, effective March 31, 2013, subject to government approval. Eastbound service from Tokyo begins April 1. United will operate the service with state-of-the-art Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft.

This flight will be the city's first nonstop service to Asia. Additionally, together with its joint venture partner ANA, United will offer seamless connections at Narita to or from more than 20 destinations in Asia.

United will operate the service with Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft with 219 seats—36 in BusinessFirst and 183 in United Economy, including 63 Economy Plus seats with extra legroom. United BusinessFirst features flat-bed seats, along with a wide range of premium cabin services and amenities.

Customers on the flights will experience the aircraft's many passenger-friendly features including improved lighting, bigger windows, larger overhead bins, lower cabin pressure altitude and enhanced ventilation systems, among other features. The aircraft's use of lightweight composites, together with its modern engines and improved aerodynamic design, allow it to fly farther, faster and more efficiently than similar sized conventional aircraft.

United flight 123 will depart Denver daily at 11:55am and arrive in Tokyo at 3pm the next day. Flight 122 will depart Tokyo's Narita International Airport at 4:40pm and arrive in Denver at 12:30pm the same day.

The flight is now available for sale on united.com and other distribution channels. ***(United)***

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oil drops below $90 for 1st time since October

NEW YORK (AP)—The price of oil dropped below $90 per barrel Wednesday, the latest milestone in a weekslong decline brought on by uncertainty surrounding economies from Europe to China. Benchmark U.S. crude fell by $1.95 to end at $89.90 per barrel. Oil has tumbled more than 15 percent this month and is at its lowest level since Oct. 21. Gasoline already has dropped by nearly 26 cents per gallon since early April. The national average is now $3.68 per gallon; some experts say it could fall as low as $3.50 by Independence Day. The average price of diesel fuel is below $4 for the first time since February.

US sales of new homes rose 3.3 percent in April

WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans bought more new homes last month, the latest evidence that the U.S. housing market could be starting to recover. New-home sales increased 3.3 percent in April from March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 343,000, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. Sales rose sharply in every region of the country but the South.

Between Facebook and JPMorgan, Wall St. woes mount

NEW YORK (AP)—Almost four years after the financial crisis, Wall Street still can't get it right. Investor anger mounted Wednesday over the initial public offering of Facebook stock last week, which was fumbled by the banks that managed the deal and complicated by technical problems at the Nasdaq stock exchange. Shareholders filed at least two lawsuits against Facebook and Morgan Stanley, the bank that shepherded the IPO, over reports that it withheld negative analyst reports about Facebook from some clients before the company went public.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 12-020

Opening Date: Friday, May 18, 2012
Closing Date: Friday, June 1, 2012

SENIOR ENGINEER

Duties: The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is a government utility providing power, water, and wastewater services in the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI), a United States commonwealth adjacent Asia and about three hours south of Tokyo, Japan. The incumbent of this position is under the overall supervision of the Chief Engineer or his/her designee. Coordinates and meets with other divisional sections and corporate divisions to coordinate activities and projects. Supervises engineering support staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staffs are trained; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Performs project management activities to include: preparing reports, memorandums and recommendations; developing scope of work; providing technical reviews; surveying for projects; developing procurement documents, evaluating proposals; monitoring project process; approving payment; and, recommending award of projects. Prepares engineering designs, plans and specifications; collects data and performs research. Troubleshoots systems and equipment. Planning, design, construction management, and operations of water and wastewater systems in a marine environment. Research, write, and manage the conditions and requirements of federal grants for water and wastewater systems. Reviews work performed by engineering technicians. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

LOCATION: Water and Wastewater Divisions, **SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.**

SALARY: $85,000 to $110,000 per year; un-graded, un-classified.

(Plus negotiable relocation costs to and from the NMI if hired from outside the NMI, but not to exceed $15,000 for relocation to the NMI and not to exceed $5,000 for relocation away from the NMI)

POSITION(S): One.

CONTRACT: Two-year.

Minimum Requirements: Master's Degree in Civil (or Environmental), Electrical, or Mechanical Engineering and four years of directly related experience in a water or wastewater utility. Must be a licensed professional engineer from a U.S. state or territory. An engineer with an active NCEES Record preferred. Knowledge of: Safe work practices; Applicable Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; Project management principles; Mathematical concepts; Engineering principles and practices. Skill in: Monitoring and evaluating staff; Prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Managing multiple projects; Interpreting and applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; Interpreting drawings; Preparing a variety of technical reports and/or documentation; Presenting technical information to management, public groups, and other related individuals; Reading and interpreting scaled drawings; Preparing specifications, plans, and cost estimates; Conducting studies; Using computers and related software applications; Using CAD programs to prepare plans for small projects and exhibits; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a U.S. driver's license.

Applications may also be picked up at the Human Resource Office or the CUC Tinian Office or CUC Rota Office. Failure to provide the required documents listed on the application will be grounds for disqualification.

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Nation

Clinton: US hacked Yemeni al-Qaida sites

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—The State Department has launched a different sort of raid against al-Qaida—hacking into al-Qaida websites in Yemen.

In a rare public admission of the covert cyber war against extremists, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says cyber experts based at the State Department hacked Yemeni tribal websites, replacing al-Qaida propaganda that bragged about killing Americans.

Clinton

"Within 48 hours, our team plastered the same sites with altered versions of the ads that showed the toll al-Qaida attacks have taken on the Yemeni people," Clinton said Wednesday.

In response, "Extremists are publicly venting their frustration and asking supporters not to believe everything they read on the Internet," she said.

Clinton described the cyber effort as part of a larger, multipronged attack on terrorism that goes beyond attacks like the Navy SEAL raid that killed Osama bin Laden to include the propaganda battle, and the longer, slower campaign of diplomats working alongside special operations troops to shore up local governments and economies and train local forces.

Clinton was speaking alongside Adm. Bill McRaven, head of the U.S. Special Operations Command, at a conference of hundreds of U.S. and international special operations commanders—the two senior leaders sending a tacit message to their sometimes warring tribes of troops and diplomats that they have to get along.

Details released on family found dead in Oregon

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Two little girls, not yet old enough for kindergarten, were shot to death. Their infant sister was found asphyxiated.

All were discovered in a burning house with their 26-year-old mother, also a victim of a gunshot wound.

Police on Wednesday began releasing details of what they say was a murder-suicide at the Salem home on Tuesday.

Authorities said the children's father was found dead in a car 80 miles to the south. He is considered a person of interest in the slayings but his name was not released.

Firefighters who entered the burning home discovered the bodies of infant Sefi Lazukin, 1-year-old Zoe Lazukin, 3-year-old Angelica Lazukin and the children's mother, Natalya Lazukin.

They were an "absolutely wonderful family" with a close group of friends and strong relationships with extended family in Salem, said Peter Ignatovich, the Slavic Christian Church administrator who said he knew them well. They were at church most Sundays, he said.

He was skeptical the incident was a murder-suicide, noting that the police have not said conclusively that the father killed his family or himself.

"It was really disturbing to watch the news portray this monstrous kind of event," Ignatovich said. "I would not see him do it in any way. He loved his kids, loved his wife."

CLINIC with a HEART
FREE DENTAL CARE
Sunday, May 27, 2012
Time: 8am to 12pm
Seventh-day Adventist Clinic
(Quartermaster Road)
This is a free dental clinic day. We will be providing FREE dental care for people who DO NOT have any type of insurance.
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

Unabomber submits update to Harvard alumni book

BOSTON (AP)—Harvard University alumni attending their 50th class reunion this week are getting updates on classmates—including Unabomber Ted Kaczynski.

Kaczynski graduated in 1962 and is locked up in the federal Supermax prison in Colorado for killing three people and injuring 23 during a nationwide bombing spree between 1978 and 1995. In an alumni directory, he lists his occupation as "prisoner" and says his awards are "Eight life sentences, issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, 1998."

Harvard's alumni association said all class members, including Kaczynski, were invited to submit entries for the class report, distributed for reunion activities during commencement week. But it said it regrets including his references to his convictions.

"While all members of the class who submit entries are included, we regret publishing Kaczynski's references to his convictions and apologize for any distress that it may have caused others," the Harvard Alumni Association said in a statement Wednesday evening.

A Harvard spokesman said the update was submitted by Kaczynski but could not immediately say how the university confirmed that. A message seeking comment was left with Kaczynski's attorney.

Kaczynski is a Harvard-trained mathematician who also got master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan.

He lived as a recluse in a Montana cabin, railed against technology and led authorities on the nation's longest and costliest manhunt. He was caught in 1996 when his brother recognized his idiosyncratic writings and tipped off authorities.

Kaczynski pleaded guilty two years later to avoid a trial at which his lawyer had planned to offer an insanity defense. The guilty plea also saved him from the death penalty.

Items seized from his cabin were auctioned last year by the U.S. Marshals Service for more than $200,000 to benefit his victims.

Zimmerman complained about Sanford police in 2011

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—George Zimmerman accused the Sanford police department of corruption more than a year before he shot Trayvon Martin, saying at a public forum the agency covered up the beating of a black homeless man by the son of a white officer.

"I would just like to state that the law is written in black and white," Zimmerman said during a 90-second statement to city commissioners at a community forum. "It should not and cannot be enforced in the gray for those who are in the thin blue line."

The forum took place on Jan. 8, 2011, days after a video of the beating went viral on the Internet and then-Sanford Police Chief Brian Tooley was forced to retire. Tooley's department faced criticism for dragging its feet in arresting Justin Collison, the son of a police lieutenant.

"I'd like to know what action the commission is taking in order to repeal Mr. Tooley's pension," Zimmerman said to the commission. "I'm not asking you to repeal his pension; I believe he's already forfeited his pension by his illegal cover-up in corruption in what happened in his department."

ACROSS THE NATION

Teen girl held in attempted murder of her mother

HESPERIA, Calif. (AP)—Chris Stalinski heard screams and couldn't imagine what was happening in the mobile home next door, where a mother lived with her teen daughter. When Stalinski learned what law enforcement officials unraveled, it was hard to comprehend: The mother's 13-year-old daughter and two friends allegedly tried to kill her in her bed. Law enforcement officials now suspect it was the third time in a matter of hours the teens—two girls and a boy—had tried to kill the mother, possibly because she was strict with a curfew and critical of the girl's friends.

GI says Muslim faith motive for Ft Hood bomb plot

WACO, Texas (AP)—A Muslim U.S. soldier accused of planning to bomb Fort Hood troops says he wasn't seeking vengeance but justice for people in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to a recording played at his federal trial Wednesday. Army Pfc. Naser Jason Abdo is heard telling his mother during a recorded jail visit that "their suffering is my suffering." Abdo, 22, is accused of planning to detonate a bomb inside a Killeen restaurant frequented by troops from the nearby Texas Army post and then shoot any survivors. He faces up to life in federal prison if convicted of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and five other charges.

1st black to graduate from Naval Academy dies

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP)—Retired Lt. Cmdr. Wesley Brown, the first African-American to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy, has died, the Academy said. He was 85. The Capital of Annapolis reported that Brown died Tuesday. An Academy spokesman did not know where Brown died and a cause of death was not immediately known Wednesday. Brown, a 1949 graduate, was appointed to the Academy in 1945. He was the sixth black admitted but the first to earn a degree.

Fire on nuke-powered sub at Maine shipyard hurts 6

KITTERY, Maine (AP)—A fire on a nuclear-powered submarine at a Maine shipyard has injured six people, including a firefighter. Fire crews responded Wednesday to the USS Miami SSN 755 at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on an island in Kittery, a town near Portsmouth, N.H., popular with tourists. The shipyard says the injured people have been treated and released. The firefighter suffered heat exhaustion. The fire still was not out shortly before midnight but shipyard spokesman Capt. Bryant Fuller says the situation is improving.

Saipan, Commonwealth of the)
Northern Mariana Islands)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to P.L. 15-117 a public auction will be conducted as follows:

1. General Description of Property:
   Various Electrical parts and supplies
2. Occupant of Storage Facility:
   Powersource Energy Services, Inc.
3. Name and Address of Storage Facility:
   Consolidated Transportation Services, Inc.
   REM Warehouse Building
   Lower Base, Saipan

Date, Time and Place of Sale: The sale, open to the general public, will be held on Friday, June 15, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the REM Warehouse Building located in Lower Base, Saipan. The property will be sold on an "as is" basis without any warranty, express or implied.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2012.

/s/ Steven P. Pixley
Attorney at Law
Third Floor, TSL Plaza
Beach Road, Garapan
Tel. No.: (670) 233-2898/5175

Century Tours is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following position:

GENERAL MANAGER

Job Summary:

The General Manager is responsible for spearheading and overseeing the entirety of the Company's operations, including strategic planning, annual budgeting, human resources management, project analysis and management, marketing and public relations, financial management, retail and commercial leasing, and the overall administration of the Company's resources.

Furthermore, the General Manager shall oversee, manage and enhance not only the Company's existing land-based operations, but will also, through the establishment of supported functions in the value-chain, expand the Company's horizon and opportunities, including but not limited to collaboration with Group-operated hotels, alliance programs with middle to high-end hotels, food and beverage services, retail and commercial leasing and other value-added services.

The post requires the incumbent to have excellent multi-tasking, organizational, interpersonal and leadership skills, as well as a thorough knowledge of the industry and other potentially-related value-added services that will maximize the profitability of the Company.

Minimum Qualification Requirements:

Education: Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in business management, tourism and/or hotel management.

Work Experience: More than five years solid and progressively responsible experience in travel and tourism business with no less than three years experience as General Manager or higher-level position.

A pre-employment drug testing will be required. Salaries will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. For applications to be considered, they should be sent to **hrd_ctr@tanholdings.com** not later than May 30, 2012.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

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Fax: (670) 234-5749

Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. **CATHERINE B. PANGELINAN-SALAS and JOSEPH S. SALAS,** Defendants.	**Civil Action No. 11-0264** **AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS CATHERINE B. PANGELINAN-SALAS and JOSEPH S. SALAS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint for Foreclosure.

SO ORDERED on this 27th day of April, 2012.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

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Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CONRAD S. HOFSCHNEIDER, Plaintiff, vs. **ANTHONY U. HOFSCHNEIDER,** Defendant.	**Civil Action No. 08-0190** **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order Granting Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on March 16, 2012, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in the following property: Lot No. 057 T 05: located on Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 10,000 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey Official Cadastral Plat No. 057 T 01 dated May 4, 1990, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 90-1770 dated May 7, 1990, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on **June 29, 2012**, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the **Tinian court house**, P.O. Box 80 Tinian, MP 96952 San Jose, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a) Withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c) To reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758 CK, Saipan, MP 9695, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; E-mail: rttlaw@pticom.com.

3. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and the loss of any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in the property.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and Mr. Conrad S. Hofschneider reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 14th day of May, 2012.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) and the CNMI Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) , in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 35.912, are announcing that a public hearing will be held regarding the state priority lists for both drinking water and wastewater projects eligible for funding under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "State Revolving Fund" construction grant program. The proposed priority lists are available for public review any time during regular working hours at the CUC Engineering Office, located on the third floor of the Joeten Building in Dan Dan, Saipan. The lists were developed in accordance with the CNMI's priority ranking systems, on the basis of a number of factors including the affected population served by each project, the degree to which public health and the environment would be protected, and a number of other factors which may also be reviewed, upon request, at the CUC Engineering Office. Electronic copies of the lists and scoring criteria may also be obtained by sending an e-mail to brian.bearden@cucgov.org, or larry.manacop@cucgov.org.

The public hearing will be held at the DEQ Main Conference Room at the Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, at **noon (12:00 p.m.) on Monday, June 18, 2012**. For additional information, please contact the CUC Water and Wastewater Engineering staff at 235-7025 through -7030.

ALAN FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the "Open Government Act", the Public School System State Board of Education, through their **Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)**, is hereby serving notice to the general public that it will hold its **2nd Quarter Meeting on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, at the Public School System, 1st Floor Conference Room** in Susupe, Saipan. This meeting is open to the public; interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
- A. Welcome & Introduction
- B. Presence of a Quorum
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes
  - December 15, 2011
  - February 27, 2012

II. Election of Officers
III. Transfer of CDAC to PSS
IV. Submission of Grant Application and Revised Policies and Procedures
V. Listening and Spoken Language Institute for Early Interventionist
VI. Introduction – New Data Manager
VII. Current Early Intervention Data
VIII. Results of Internal and External Monitoring
IX. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting, but require accessibility such as large print, sign language or interpreter, must call 237-3029/19. Several days' notice is necessary to allow organizers ample time to make necessary arrangements.

/s/ Margaret Aldan
Chairwoman

/s/ Robin L. Palacios
Interim Coordinator, Early Intervention

In Celebration of Her New Life

In Loving Memory of

†Delgadina Basa Blas Matagolai

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Daughters: Maria Blas Matagolai
Lillian Blas Matagolai
Linda Blas Matagolai
Son-In-Law: Luis Manibusan Cepeda
Grandson: Anthony Matagolai Cepeda
Edwin Matagolai Cepeda
Parents: Pedro Santos and Guadalupe Basa Blas
Brother, Sisters, and In-Laws:
Jesus Basa/ Soledad A. Blas
Maria Blas/ Vicente P. Manibusan
Teresita Blas/ Jose DLG. Diaz
Eugenio Repeki
Jose M. Manglona

Her loving memories will forever live in the hearts of her ***Children, Grandchildren, Great-grandchildren and Great-great-grandchildren:***

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Juan Blas Matagolai/ Lourdes C. Atalig, Children and family
Roque Blas/ Margarita Duenas Matagolai, Children and family
Pedro Blas/ Hiromi G. Matagolai, Children and family
Ignacio Blas Matagolai, Children and family
Sophia Rita Matagolai/ Vicente S. Salas, Children and family
Barbara Blas Matagolai, Children and family
David Blas Matagolai
Linda Blas Matagolai/ Steven VanWinkle
Pearleen Blas Matagolai/ Benedicto Lizama III

Daughter-In-Law: Jesusana Matagolai
Reared Children: Josepha Kaipat
Mariano Kaipat

Sisters and In-Laws: Lucia B. Blas/ Antonio T. Mendiola and family
Dolores Basa Blas and family
Victoria B. Blas/ Alejandro R. Cabrera and family
Casilda Basa Blas and family
Emiliana Blas Manglona and family
Asinta Blas/ Augustin C. Pangelinan and family
Leonora Aldan Blas/ Willie Castro and family
Juanita Matagolai Sakisat and family
Lourdes Matagolai DeJelliaa

She will also be missed by numerous relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2012. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel, Cabrera Center, Beach Rd., Garapan at 8:00am to Nuestra Senora de Soladad Church in Kagman. Responso Service will be at 8:30am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:45am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am and Interment Service will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Chalan Kanoa where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Holy Rosary is being prayed nightly at the family residence at Atis St. in Kagman II at 7:30pm.

Your prayers and presence are greatly appreciated.

Thank you – Si Yuus Maase

THE FAMILY

World

Eager Egyptians hold landmark presidential vote

CAIRO (AP)—After a lifetime of being told who will rule them, Egyptians dove enthusiastically into the uncertainty of the Arab world's first competitive presidential race Wednesday, wrestling with a polarizing choice between secularists rooted in Hosni Mubarak's old autocracy and Islamists hoping to infuse the state with religion.

Waiting in long lines, voters were palpably excited at the chance to decide their country's path in the vote, the fruit of last year's stunning popular revolt that overthew Mubarak after 29 years in power. For the past 60 years, Egypt's presidents ran unchallenged in yes-or-no referendums that few bothered to vote in.

Still, the choices raised worries among many about whether real democracy will emerge. The final result, likely to come after a runoff next month, will only open a new chapter of political struggle.

Mohammed Salah, 26, emerged grinning from a poll station, fresh from casting his ballot. "Before, they used to take care of that for me," he said. "Today, I am choosing for myself."

Medhat Ibrahim, 58, who suffers from cancer, had tears in his eyes. "I might die in a matter of months, so I came for my children, so they can live," he said, as he waited to vote in a poor Cairo district. "We want to live better, like human beings." He later came out flashing a finger stained with the blue ink used to prevent multiple voting. "Mubarak's policies gave me cancer," he said, referring to the decline in health care under the last regime. "Now I got my revenge."

Adding to the drama, this election is up in the air. The reliability of polls is uncertain, and four of the 13 candidates have bounced around the top spots, leaving no clear front-runner. None is likely to win outright in Wednesday and Thursday's balloting, so the top two vote-getters enter a run-off June 16-17, with the victor announced June 21.

The two secular front-runners are both veterans of Mubarak's regime—former prime minister Ahmed Shafiq and former foreign minister Amr Moussa.

The main Islamist contenders are Mohammed Morsi of the powerful Muslim Brotherhood and Abdel-Moneim Abolfotoh, a moderate Islamist whose inclusive platform has won him the support of some liberals, leftists and minority Christians.

The debate went right up to the doorsteps of schools around the country where poll stations were set up.

Some voters backed Mubarak-era veterans, believing they can bring stability after months of rising crime, a crumbling economy and bloody riots. Others were horrified by the thought, believing the "feloul"—or "remnants" of the regime—will keep Egypt locked in dictatorship and thwart democracy.

Islamists, particularly the Muslim Brotherhood, saw their chance to lead a country where they were repressed for decades and to implement their version of Islamic law. Their critics recoiled, fearing theocracy.

Some saw an alternative to both in a leftist candidate, Hamdeen Sabahi, who has claimed the mantle of Egypt's first president, the populist Gamal Abdel-Nasser.

An Islamist victory, particularly by Morsi, will likely mean a greater emphasis on religion in government. His Muslim Brotherhood, which already dominates parliament, says it won't mimic Saudi Arabia and force women to wear veils or implement harsh punishments like amputations. But it says it does want to implement a more moderate version of Islamic law, which liberals fear will mean limitations on many rights.

Many of the candidates have called for amendments to Egypt's 1979 peace treaty with Israel, which remains deeply unpopular. None is likely to dump it, but a victory by any of the Islamist or leftist candidates in the race could mean strained ties with Israel and a stronger stance in support of the Palestinians in the peace process.

The candidates from the Mubarak regime—and, ironically, the Brotherhood, which has already held multiple talks with U.S. officials—are most likely to maintain the alliance with the United States.

AP

An Egyptian man shows his inked finger after casting his vote inside a polling station, in Giza, Egypt, Wednesday, May 23, 2012.

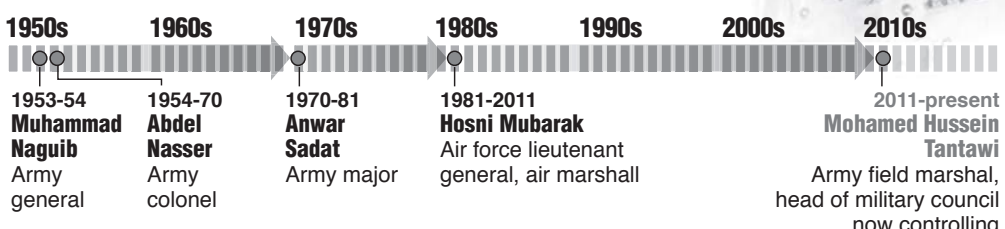
Changing of the guard

The candidates in Egypt's current presidential election, the first since President Hosni Mubarak was overthrown in 2011, are liberals, Islamists and persons from Mubarak's government.

In this undated photo, Mubarak (left), next to Sadat, his predecessor

Past presidents

Since the 1952 coup that overthrew the king



NOTE Nasser was chairman of the Revolutionary Council, 1954-56, then elected president in 1956; Sufi Abu Taleb served as acting president for eight days after Sadat's assassination; Kamal el-Ganzouri, who served under Mubarak, was appointed prime minister by the military council in 2011

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Message of Appreciation

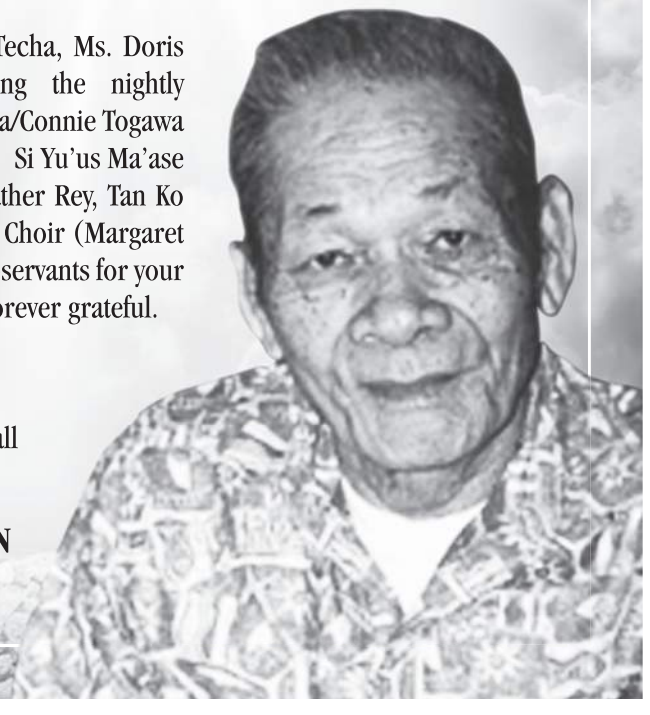
We, the family of the late

GREGORIO DELEON GUERRERO DEMAPAN

Have been blessed with relatives and friends who have shown us their immeasurable love and support during our loved one's passing, daily masses, rosaries and funeral service.

Un dangkulo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase for all your deeds of compassion we received. We sincerely express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have given us their time, comfort, and sympathy during our time of sorrow, and to those who had a part in making the celebration of his eternal life memorable.

Special Thank You to our Techa, Ms. Doris Sanchez-Nuique for leading the nightly rosaries and to Ms. Lou Kisa/Connie Togawa for their services as Kantora. Si Yu'us Ma'ase Father Ike, Father Ryan, Father Rey, Tan Ko Palacios, the Amazing Grace Choir (Margaret T. Cabrera) and all the alter-servants for your beautiful services. We are forever grateful.



SI YU'US MA'ASE
And May God Bless You all

MAURA, CHILDREN & FAMILY

WORLD BRIEFS

Officials: 2 foreign doctors, 3 Afghans abducted

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Two foreign doctors and their three Afghan colleagues have been kidnapped in a remote area in northeast Afghanistan, officials said Wednesday. Abdul Maroof Rasikh, the spokesman for the governor of Badakhshan province, said it was unclear who kidnapped the five. He said they were snatched Tuesday while traveling on horseback between Yaftal and Ragh districts about 90 kilometers (55 miles) from the provincial capital of Faizabad. He said the five were employed by a nonprofit humanitarian organization.

Report: Iran holds military maneuvers

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran's official news agency says Iran's military has wound up a one-day exercise in the center of the country. The Wednesday report by IRNA says Gen. Ahmad Reza Pourdastan, commander of Iran's ground forces, described the aim of the exercise as showing Iran's readiness to confront "global arrogance," a reference to the United States, as well as improving the capabilities of the forces. He said jet fighters took part in successful maneuvers, and new weapons were tested. The one-day drill has been held annually since 1987. This year's coincided with nuclear talks between Iran and world powers in Baghdad.

SKorea to chemically castrate child sex offender

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea says it will chemically castrate a convicted serial child sex offender in its first use of such a punishment. The Justice Ministry said Thursday the 45-year-man will get an injection aimed at inhibiting sexually violent impulses Friday. A psychiatric test concluded he is a pedophile and needs medication. South Korea legislated chemical castration in 2010 after a series of violent sexual assaults on children sparked public outrage. The ministry says the man will be released from a prison in July but must get the injection every three months for three years. The man was convicted four times of raping or sexually molesting girls under the ages of 13.

Indian state OKs shooting tiger poachers on sight

NEW DELHI (AP)—A state in western India has declared war on animal poaching by allowing forest guards to shoot hunters on sight in an effort to curb rampant attacks on tigers and other wildlife. The government in Maharashtra says injuring or killing suspected poachers will no longer be considered a crime. Forest guards should not be "booked for human rights violations when they have taken action against poachers," Maharashtra Forest Minister Patangrao Kadam said Tuesday. The state also will send more rangers and jeeps into the forest, and will offer secret payments to informers who give tips about poachers and animal smugglers, he said.

Pakistan convicts doctor who helped find bin Laden

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—A doctor who helped the CIA hunt down Osama bin Laden was convicted Wednesday of conspiring against the state and sentenced to 33 years in prison, adding new strains to an already deeply troubled relationship between the U.S. and Pakistan. U.S. officials had urged Pakistan to release the doctor, who ran a vaccination program for the CIA to collect DNA and verify the al-Qaida leader's presence at the compound in the town of Abbottabad where U.S. commandos killed him in May 2011 in a unilateral raid. The lengthy sentence for Dr. Shakil Afridi will be taken as another sign of Pakistan's defiance of American wishes.

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Ohio family's stolen swine statue is returned

CINCINNATI (AP)—A life-size swine statue is back at home after disappearing in the city once dubbed "Porkopolis." The Cincinnati Enquirer reports that Maggie Gieseke and her family have kept the heavy, 2-foot-tall statue for a decade in their front yard in the city's Hyde Park neighborhood. It was wearing only eyeglasses when it disappeared Saturday. The family spread the word of the "pig-napping," and someone let them know the pig was in tall grass behind some businesses in the nearby Mount Lookout area.

Iowa man with zebra, parrot in truck gets DUI

DUBUQUE, Iowa (AP)—An Iowa man stopped outside a Dubuque bar with a small zebra and a parrot in his truck has been charged with drunken driving. KCRG-TV reports officers arrested 56-year-old Jerald Reiter of Cascade on Sunday in the parking lot of the Dog House bar, where people had been taking photos of the animals. Reiter says the zebra and macaw parrot are pets and like riding in the truck. Reiter claims he sometimes takes the animals into the bar, but the owner says they're not allowed inside. Officers gave Reiter a field sobriety test and charged him with drunken driving.

City official consults Ouija board before vote

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A San Francisco supervisor says he consulted a Ouija board before city leaders voted on whether to recommend naming a Navy ship after slain gay rights activist Harvey Milk. Supervisor John Avalos tells the San Francisco Chronicle that he believes he made contact with Milk's spirit and that Milk spelled out letters indicating: "Good riddance to don't ask, don't tell." The Board of Supervisors approved the non-binding resolution Tuesday on a 9-2 vote. Milk was a city supervisor and former naval officer. He was fatally shot in 1978 by Dan White.

Wanted: Bigfoot hair samples for European study

LONDON (AP)—European researchers are planning to use new techniques to analyze DNA that could help crack the mystery of whether Bigfoot exists. In a project announced this week, Oxford University and Lausanne Museum of Zoology scientists appealed to museums, scientists and Yeti aficionados to share hair samples thought to be from the mythical ape-like creature. New genetic tests will be done on just a few strands of hair and should be completed within weeks. Even if the sample is judged to come from an unknown species, scientists should be able to tell how closely it is related to other species, including apes or humans.

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

AYUDA NETWORK, INC. (est. 1992)

LIBERATION DAY NETWORK PARADE (JULY 4, 2012)

In partnership with our local radio station, KKMP, we are inviting all our partner agencies to join us be a part of the parade festivities to promote our programs to our CNMI community as human and social services providers.

ANI/NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NCDS) WALK FOR LIFE (JULY 7, 2012)

In prevention of all NCDs i.e. heart, cancer, diabetes, strokes, and obesity etc. join us in the Network Walkathon and promote physical activity and healthy exercises.

ANI NETWORK CONFERENCE (JULY 12, 2012)

To continue to foster further communications, collaborations, cooperation, and coordination efforts among human and social services providers

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Men In Black 3

Friday		4:20	7:20	9:45
Saturday and Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:45
Monday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Tuesday thru Thursday		4:20	7:20	

Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones
Comedy • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, and director Barry Sonnenfeld return to the kooky world of the top-secret government agents who protect our planet from hostile aliens in this third entry of the Men in Black film series. This will be the first film in the franchise to be presented in 3D. Flight of the Conchords' Jemaine Clement co-stars as the main baddie, Yaz, with Josh Brolin lending his talents as the younger version of Jones' character.

Chernobyl Diaries

Friday		4:30	7:30	9:30
Saturday and Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30	9:30
Monday	1:30	4:30	7:30	
Tuesday thru Thursday		4:30	7:30	

Jesse McCartney, Carey Van Dyke
Horror • Rated R

Synopsis

Six tourists hire an extreme tour guide who takes them to the abandoned city Pripyat, the former home to the workers of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor. During their exploration, they soon discover they are not alone.

Battleship

Friday		4:00	7:00	10:00
Saturday and Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00	10:00
Monday	1:00	4:00	7:00	
Tuesday thru Thursday		4:00	7:00	

Liam Neeson, Taylor Kitsch
Science fiction, War • Rated PG 13

What To Expect When You're Expecting

Friday		4:05	7:05	9:35
Saturday and Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05	9:35
Monday	1:05	4:05	7:05	
Tuesday thru Thursday		4:05	7:05	

Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Lopez
Comedy • Rated PG 13

The Dictator

Friday		4:25	7:25	9:40
Saturday and Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25	9:40
Monday	1:25	4:25	7:25	
Tuesday thru Thursday		4:25	7:25	

Sacha Baron Cohen, Ana Faris
Comedy • Rated R

Dark Shadows

Friday		4:15	7:15	9:50
Saturday and Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:50
Monday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Tuesday thru Thursday		4:15	7:15	

Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter
Horror • Rated PG 13

Marvel's The Avengers

Friday		4:10	7:10	9:55
Saturday & Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:55
Monday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Tuesday thru Thursday		4:10	7:10	

Robert Downey, Jr., Chris Evans, Samuel L. Jackson
Action • Rated PG 13

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Life & Style

Pause during holiday to thank those who made it possible

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: Would you please remind your many readers that the greatest gift we can give to America's fallen is the gift of remembrance? The legacy of those who have died for our freedom—from the Revolutionary War to the present—is something that strengthens and unites Americans. I would like every child to say, "I know why I am free, and I know who died for my freedom."

Since 1997, Major League Baseball has stopped all games in progress at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day to observe the National Moment of Remembrance. The umpire steps out from home plate, removes his mask, and halts the game so that everyone can pause. The crowd rises as one with hands over their hearts. Along with MLB, the Ironworkers, Sheet Metal Workers and firefighters unions, American Veterans Center, the National Cartoonists Society and Bugles Across America observe the Moment, too.

The Moment does not replace traditional Memorial Day events. It is not an "event" but an act of conscience. Throughout our history, and especially during the past decade, servicemen and women in foreign lands have been dying almost daily to protect freedom and liberty.

We encourage all citizens to make every day Memorial Day in their hearts, but especially on Memorial Day itself. May the love of country always bond Americans together. For all of the fallen, let us continue to make this nation one great American family in spirit. To learn more, please go to www.ngl.org.

CARMELLA LaSPADA, FOUNDER, NO GREATER LOVE

DEAR CARMELLA: I'm printing your reminder in advance of Memorial Day so that readers can plan ahead for it. I know many of them will be interested in observing it.

Readers, wherever you are at 3 p.m. local time on Monday, May 28, won't you join me in pausing for the National Moment of Remembrance and honoring those brave individuals who died for us? And when you do, make a commitment to give back to our country in their memory by putting your remembrance into action.

■ ■ ■ ■

DEAR ABBY: My parents were married 25 years. When Dad died last year, Mom was devastated. Then she got in touch with an old flame. She told us they were just friends. A few months later, she informed us she was moving across the country with him for a "mutually beneficial situation." He gives her a place to stay, and she takes care of his house and the bills. She called recently to tell me that she has loved him since she was young and they are now getting married.

I'm worried because she has jumped into this so quickly. When they marry, Dad will have been gone not quite a year. I feel she is showing lack of respect for my father's memory and their marriage by doing this so soon. Should I be worried about her, or just happy she has found "love" again?

DREADING THE WEDDING IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR DREADING THE WEDDING: While the man your mother is marrying is a stranger to you, he is obviously no stranger to her. They have a history that pre-dates your father. Going on with her life is not disrespectful to your father's memory. Be happy for your mother and cross your fingers that everything works out for her the way she wishes. Worrying about her will help neither of you.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Phillip Phillips is the newest 'American Idol'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Phillip Phillips, a bluesy Georgia guitar man, was crowned the new "American Idol" on Wednesday after defeating teenager Jessica Sanchez in record viewer voting. He was the fifth male "Idol" winner in a row.

Phillips, 21, a pawn shop worker from Leesburg, Ga., looked stunned when host Ryan Seacrest announced his name, then wordlessly accepted a hug from Sanchez and congratulations from his fellow finalists.

He dissolved into tears as he sang "Home," the song that may be his first single.

Phillips retained his humble, self-effacing demeanor to the end, and beyond.

"I have no idea why I won, man," he said in his backstage dressing room. "I guess some people liked the music that I was doing. I'm just lucky. ... I was just doing my thing each week."

He received the winning share of the record-high 132 million votes cast after Tuesday's final showdown with high school student Sanchez, 16, of Chula Vista, Calif. The vote count was not announced, typical for the contest.

His victory extended the "American Idol" winning streak for men to five consecutive seasons. The last female to win, and the last non-white, was Jordin Sparks in 2007.

Phillips has more in common with the last four winners than gender. Like them, he is a young Caucasian guitar player, also known to "Idol" watchers as WGWGs—white guys with guitars.

Last year's winner was Scotty McCreery, preceded by Lee DeWyze, Kris Allen and David Cook.

Sanchez, who is of Filipino and Latino heritage, took a measured view of the outcome, one that she said had solely to do with music.

AP

In this April 25, 2012 file photo released by Fox, contestant Phillip Phillips performs on the singing competition series "American Idol," in Los Angeles.

"I don't blame it on anything," she said backstage. "Phillip has his fans, and I have mine. We're totally two different people. Our genres are completely different.

"He's more like the indie, alternative rock kinda guy, and I'm more urban R&B pop. ... It's just the number of our fans," she said, adding that she expected to be the runner-up.

"In the moment, I told him, 'You're gonna win this.' I was smiling at him the whole time. I was ready to just give him a big hug, and that's what I did when they announced it."

Sparks, 22, was among the guest stars who helped fill out the two-hour finale show, among them Rihanna, Neil Diamond, Reba McEntire, Chaka Khan and John Fogarty. "American Idol" judges Steven Tyler, with his band Aerosmith, and Jennifer Lopez also performed, but it was Sanchez and Jennifer Holliday who stood out with a powerhouse duet on "And I'm Telling You I'm Not Going."

Besides music, there was a marriage proposal for the season 11 finale: Former contestants Ace Young and Diana DeGarmo got engaged on stage.

Young, 31, a season five finalist, told Seacrest that he and DeGarmo, 24, had just moved in together. Then Young got down on one knee and popped the question to her.

"I love you to death. You're my best friend," Young said in his proposal, which included a jarring credit for the jeweler who made the engagement ring he was offering (which, given Fox's heavy soft drink and car sponsor product placement, wasn't so off-key).

DeGarmo, a runner-up in season three, tearfully accepted, her head bobbing up and down.

But the point of the finale, saved for the final minutes and the highest possible ratings, was anointing the newest Idol and winner of a record contract.

During the three-song showdown Tuesday between Phillips and Sanchez, the show's judges praised his performance across the board. Sanchez was faulted for a lackluster rendition of her third song, "Change Nothing."

Although some critics dismissed Phillips as a Dave Matthews clone, viewers embraced him for his humility, his on-camera mugging and his memorable acoustic covers of songs like Usher's "U Got It Bad." In weekly tallies, Phillips never fell among the low vote-getters.

On Tuesday, he earned consistently high marks from the show's judges, while Sanchez faltered on "Change Nothing," the song that could serve as her first release.

The teenager agreed with panelists Randy Jackson, Lopez and Tyler, saying she should have gone more "urban" with her song choice.

Phillips had better luck with the slow-tempo, acoustic tune "Home," which the judges said recalled artists like Fleet Foxes, Paul Simon and Mumford and Sons. At one point during Phillips' final performance, the pawn shop worker was accompanied by a marching band.

It was a hit with the panel. Jackson, beaming, exclaimed: "I love the song. I love you. I love the production. I love the marching band. Everything about that was perfect."

Last year's contest between McCreery and runner-up Lauren Alaina drew more than 122 million votes, the record that was broken Wednesday.

Tommy Lee Jones wants to know about Moscow kiss

NEW YORK (AP)—Will Smith may not want to talk about what happened last week in Moscow, but Tommy Lee Jones sure does.

The actors met on the black carpet at the premiere of "Men in Black 3" Wednesday night, with Jones twice asking Smith, "How's life in Moscow?"

Representatives from Sony Pictures and Smith's publicity team repeatedly told members of the media the star wouldn't be talking about the incident, but someone forgot to tell Jones.

A Ukrainian reporter tried to kiss Smith on May 18 at the Moscow premiere of the comedy. Smith pushed him away and slapped him with the back of his hand.

Wednesday night, Smith laughed off Jones' remarks, hugging his co-star and calling him "silly." He told Jones what happened in Moscow was "so sad."

As they broke their hug, Jones pretended to slap Smith as they turned to talk to separate reporters.

The rest of the event was a love fest for Josh Brolin, whose portrayal of a younger Agent K was deemed Oscar worthy.

"If Agent K were a real-life person and Josh Brolin gave the portrayal of Agent K that he gave in this movie, he'd be nominated for an Academy Award," said Smith. "It's like people just aren't even going to recognize the level and quality of the acting that he had to do, you know, being this young Tommy Lee Jones. It's just, it's brilliant."

Brolin said he never asked Jones for advice, but watched almost all his old movies and the original 'Men in Black' "probably 50 times."

"I practiced, I talked to myself, I do all the things that makes my family think I'm absolutely insane, but that's my job, you know?" said Brolin.

"Men in Black 3" opens Friday in U.S. and U.K. theaters.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

'G.I. Joe' gets new marching orders, moves to 2013

LOS ANGELES (AP)—G.I. Joe won't be going into action on the big-screen this summer, after all. The Hollywood Reporter says Paramount Pictures yanked its sequel "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" from its June 29 release date and rescheduled the movie for March 29 next year. While it's not uncommon for studios to shuffle opening dates, it is rare for such a big-budget movie to get the bump so close to its release. Paramount executives told the Reporter the move was made so the studio would have time to convert "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" into a digital 3-D version.

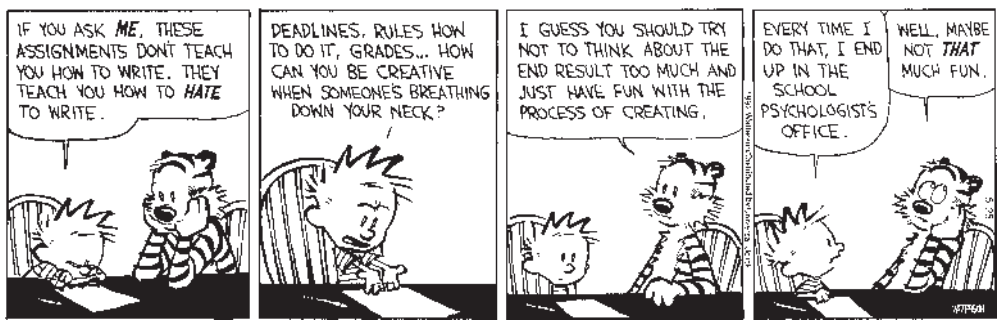
3 Doors Down guitarist Matt Roberts leaves band

ESCATAWPA, Miss. (AP)—3 Doors Down says on its website that founding member and guitarist Matt Roberts has left the rock band because of health problems. The statement Wednesday says Roberts has problems with blood circulation and other health issues. It calls the split amicable. Roberts grew up with bassist Todd Harrell and lead singer Brad Arnold in Mississippi. Together they formed the band in Escatawpa, Miss., in 1996. Arnold says Roberts will be welcomed back if he's able to return. Guitarist Chris Henderson and drummer Greg Upchuch will continue to tour.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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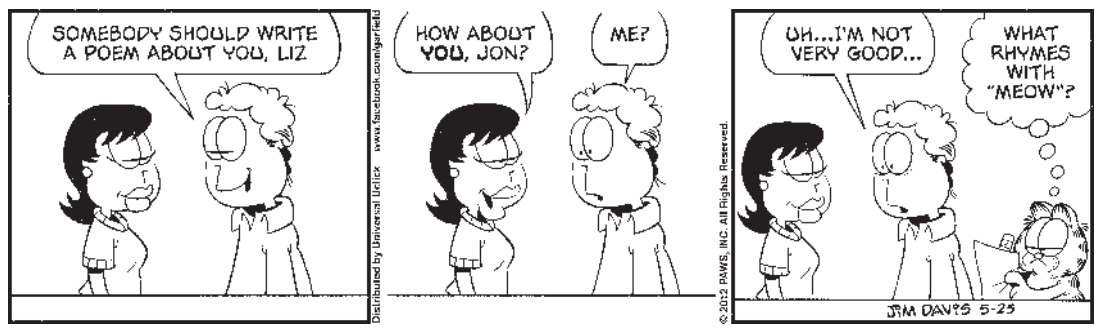
SOMEBODY SHOULD WRITE A POEM ABOUT YOU, LIZ
HOW ABOUT YOU, JON?
ME?
UH...I'M NOT VERY GOOD...
WHAT RHYMES WITH "MEOW"?
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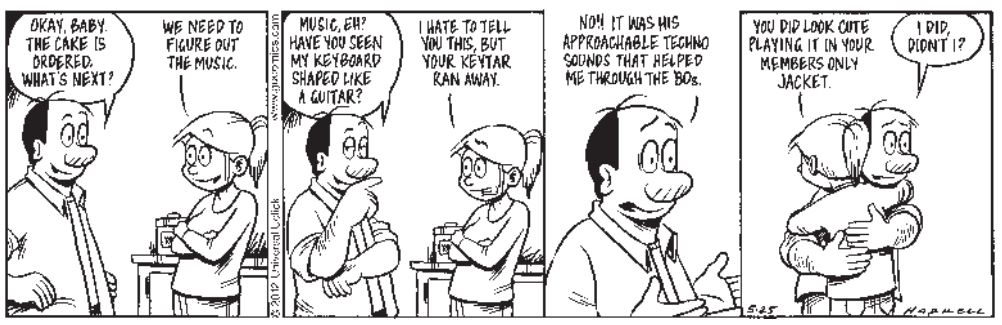
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WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT THE MUSIC.
MUSIC, EH? HAVE YOU SEEN MY KEYBOARD SHAPED LIKE A GUITAR?
I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT YOUR KEYTAR RAN AWAY.
NOW IT WAS HIS APPROACHABLE TECHNO SOUNDS THAT HELPED ME THROUGH THE 80s.
YOU DID LOOK CUTE PLAYING IT IN YOUR MEMBERS ONLY JACKET.
I DID, DIDN'T I?
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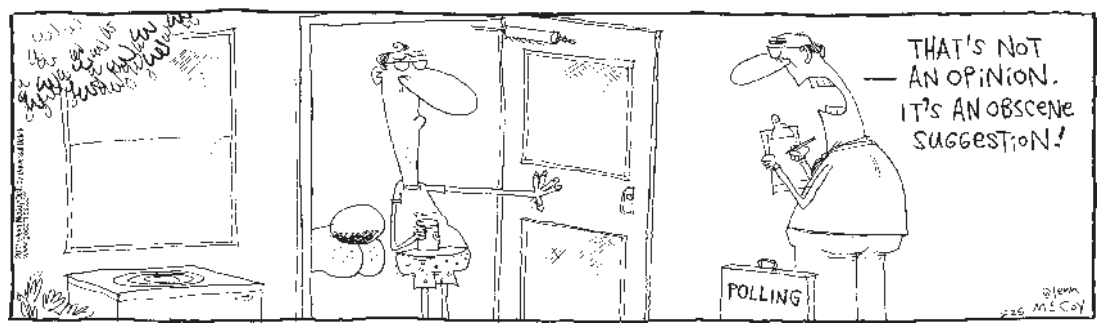

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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19 Nay undoer
21 That girl
22 Elbow room
26 Staffs
29 "Monty Python" opener
30 Regret
31 "Two and a Half Men" role
32 Whatever number
33 Marx or Malden
34 Roman 8-Down
35 Pledge drive station
36 Pontifical
37 Neighbor of Sweden
39 Healthy
40 Billboards
41 2002 animated movie
45 Sandwich shop
48 Our galaxy
50 Dogfight participants
51 Pinnacle
52 Praise in verse
53 Watercraft
54 A deadly sin
55 Leary's "prescription"

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4 "Unmentionables"
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Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 5-25

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Giving off the right vibe will make the difference. A passionate approach to work will pay off, but disclosing your feelings in personal situations is likely to backfire. Choose your battles wisely so you don't limit opportunities to advance. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Take a big step forward. Terminate relationships with people dragging you down. Put your needs and those of your family first, and strive for perfection and advancement. Anger is a waste of time; actions will help you move forward. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't allow anyone to burden you with responsibilities that belong to others. Disclosure regarding important information will be difficult to come by. Don't act on hearsay. Do your homework and concentrate on your own life first. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Too much debt or dealing with wage cuts will leave you looking for alternatives. Set up a workable budget and stick to it. Offer one of your skills as a sideline service in your community. Sitting in idle won't help. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Everything will get to you if you don't address issues as they arise. Your emotions will be close to the surface and you will have trouble controlling your temper. Focus on what needs to be done and do it, with or without help. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You may feel like winding down, but being industrious will bring in extra cash and should be scheduled in, even if someone objects. Focus on a proper diet and regular exercise. Health concerns must be addressed quickly. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Socializing and meeting new people will lead to good memories. Romance is present, so make plans with someone you love, or get out and mingle with singles who interest you. Don't let someone's negativity or bad mood hold you back. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Relax and enjoy the company of people who share your interests. A creative project will keep you out of trouble and help you plan for your financial future. Share your feelings with someone you want to spend more time with. Live, love and laugh. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Don't get worked up over nothing. Discussing politics, religion or anything else you feel strongly about will lead to trouble. Focus on what you can do for the people you love, and make changes that will please everyone, including you. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Listen to a partner or loved one's plans without criticizing or taking over, and you will have a much better chance of controlling the situation when help is needed. An energetic approach to health issues will make you feel better. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Nothing will be easy if you try to swim upstream. Someone is likely to put pressure on you if you fall short of an obligation or promise. Don't let anger or frustration lead to a mistake you'll regret. Work on self-improvement. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Participating in a social event or doing something creative will lift your spirits. Rely on your own abilities to get things done. Depending on others will lead to disappointment. Avoid anyone who is trying to manipulate you emotionally. ✪✪✪✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/25

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/24

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Yesterday's Answer: When I'm With You

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76ers top Celtics to force Game 7 in East semis

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The buzz at the start was for Allen Iverson's ceremonial return.

By the end, more than 20,000 fans were on their feet and going wild for Jrue Holiday, Elton Brand, Andre Iguodala and the rugged-and-determined play that kept the eighth-seeded Philadelphia 76ers alive for at least one more game.

Yes, the Sixers are talking about Game 7—and they're taking this improbable postseason run back to Boston.

Holiday scored 20 points, and Brand had 13 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Sixers to an 82-75 victory over the Celtics on Wednesday night that tied the Eastern Conference semifinals.

No team has won consecutive games in a series where neither team has played well enough to seize control. But the Sixers were good enough to win Game 6, improving to 5-0 this postseason in games following a loss.

"Game 7," coach Doug Collins said. "That's all we wanted was to win tonight and give ourselves a chance to go into Boston and see what happens on Saturday."

Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen and Rajon Rondo could be playing their last game together Saturday night if they can't find a way to hang onto the ball and put away a Sixers team that won't quit.

Boston has learned three times already how difficult that can be.

The fun started when the not-quite retired Iverson earned a roaring standing ovation when he presented the game ball.

It ended with the song, "I'm Shipping Up to Boston," blasting through the arena.

"I want more," Collins said. "We're going to get greedy. We want more."

The Celtics posted ugly numbers across the board: Blame the loss on the 33 percent shooting, the 17 turnovers or the 3 for 14 3-point shooting. Either way, there's enough to go around. Pierce had 24 points and 10 rebounds, and Garnett had 20 points and 11 boards.

"We found a way to stay in the game, for the most part," Pierce said.

They did because the Sixers again failed to put up the sparkling numbers in the box score usually required for a deep postseason run. They missed 8 of 9 3-pointers, shot a woeful 17 of 28 from the free throw line and had 12 turnovers.

But when the Sixers really needed that game-changing basket, there was Evan Turner twisting and fighting through defenders down the lane. When the Sixers needed a stop, there was Brand, ripping a rebound away from Boston, even with painful neck and shoulder injuries that keep him awake at night.

"When you get out there, you don't feel much," Brand said. "You've got the adrenaline flowing. You're banging and fighting. That's why Coach has confidence in me to play 34 minutes."

The Sixers wrote "Huddle Up and Fight" on their locker room chalkboard.

They did just that and are now one win away from reaching the conference finals for the first time since 2001.

Iverson was the MVP of that run.

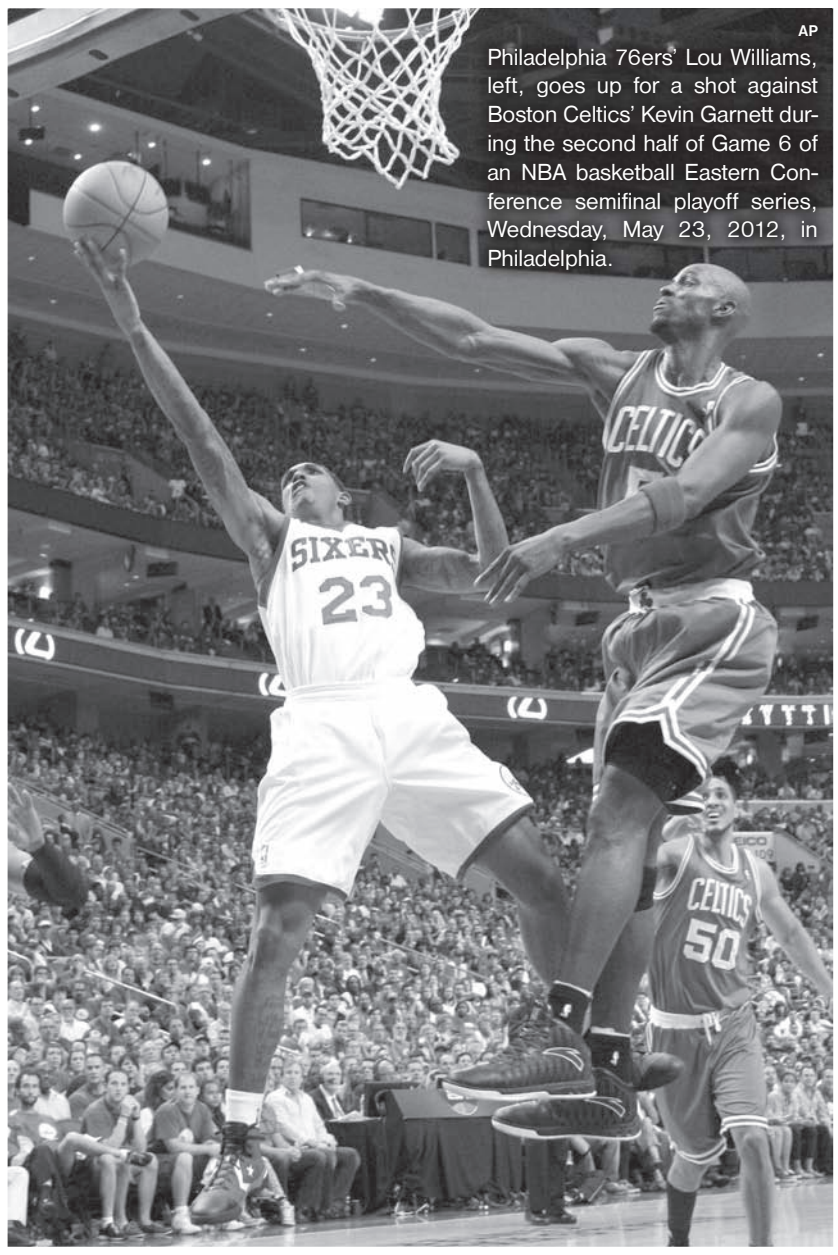
Maybe a little of that ol' A.I. magic rubbed off in Game 6.

Unlike Game 5, when the Sixers collapsed in the third quarter and blew a lead, they suddenly found a groove in front of 20,403 fans.

The Sixers started hitting free throws, kept turnovers to a minimum (two), and fed the ball to a starting lineup that had been largely outproduced by a fantastic bench.

Turner was fouled on a go-ahead layup but missed from the line. That made the Sixers 5 of 13 while the Celtics were 14 for 14.

Iguodala split two defenders and threw down a ferocious dunk over



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Philadelphia 76ers' Lou Williams, left, goes up for a shot against Boston Celtics' Kevin Garnett during the second half of Game 6 of an NBA basketball Eastern Conference semifinal playoff series, Wednesday, May 23, 2012, in Philadelphia.

Pierce to draw the foul. He made his first free throw after missing his first four and the Sixers led by five.

Pierce led the parade to the line for the Boston. He made his first 11 attempts for a Celtics team that was 17 for 17 through three quarters. The Celtics made only 19 field goals through three.

"We've got to move the ball and continue to play the defense that we've been playing," Pierce said.

The Sixers also couldn't find their way from the 3-point line and missed their first six attempts until Iguodala nailed one for a 58-52 lead.

Garnett caught some heat after calling Philly fans "fair weather" after Game 5 in Boston.

Well, the forecast called for thunderous cheers after Iguodala buried his 3.

That helped the Sixers take a 60-56 lead into the fourth and put them 12 minutes away from Game 7.

This time, the Sixers weren't blowing a lead.

Turner, who never met a clutch attempt he didn't like, went right-to-left on a drive down the lane for a nine-point lead. The 6-foot-4 Holiday brushed off the 4-inch difference and went high over Garnett for a one-handed bucket and an 11-point lead.

"Someone else was talking bad about our fans, so it was good to get this victory for them," Brand said.

While the Sixers swapped shot makers on almost every possession, the Celtics never found that third and fourth option behind Pierce and Garnett.

"We never really established Kevin," coach Doc Rivers said. "Even though Kevin had points, it wasn't the type of points we needed."

Rondo had tortured the Sixers over the first five games, but was limited to nine points (4 for 14 shooting) and six assists.

He'll need to return to form at home for the Celtics to have a chance at avoiding the upset.

"It's been a tough series. It's down to a Game 7," Garnett said. "We've played well at times, they've played well at times. But now, we'll take it home and see what we can do."

Iguodala and Turner scored 12 points. Lou Williams had 11 and the Sixers outscored Boston 42-16 in the paint.

"I just want our guys to play with no fear," Collins said.

Collins had the Sixers watch a highlight video from Game 7 of the 1982 Eastern Conference finals on Tuesday. The Sixers blew a 3-1 lead in that series and were forced to win Game 7 at Boston to reach the finals—which they did.

Thirty years later, the Sixers get to try again.

Haslem suspended for Game 6 of Heat-Pacers

MIAMI (AP)—Udonis Haslem insists he meant no harm. The NBA deemed otherwise, and the Miami Heat will be without one of their co-captains when they try to close out the Indiana Pacers on Thursday night.

Haslem was suspended for Game 6 of the Miami-Indiana Eastern Conference semifinal series, a matchup where emotions boiled over in a runaway Heat victory on Tuesday night. The NBA also said Miami reserve center Dexter Pittman will miss three games in response to his flagrant foul against Indiana backup guard Lance Stephenson in the final seconds of Game 5.

Indiana's Tyler Hansbrough was not suspended, although the league upgraded his foul against Miami's Dwyane Wade to a flagrant-2 on Wednesday—which, if called that way during Game 5, would have brought an automatic ejection. Hansbrough struck Wade in the head, opening a cut over his right eye. Moments later, Haslem committed a flagrant foul against Hansbrough, clearly in response to the play against Wade.

So while Haslem sits Thursday, Hansbrough may play.

"It's very disappointing, obviously," Miami forward Shane Battier said Wednesday night. "But we're a resilient group. ... The verdict process is a mystery to players, and so we don't get caught up in it. We can't control it. We know the NBA's going to do what they feel they need to do and we need to live with the consequences. So it's really out of our hands, not worth getting riled up. We're going to put together an effort that will make Udonis and Dexter proud."

The Heat lead the series 3-2, after a 115-83 win Tuesday night in a game that had the three flagrant fouls on the court, accusations of dirty play afterward and finally with Pacers team president Larry Bird telling The Indianapolis Star that his team was "soft" in Game 5.

"I agree with his assessment. We did play soft," Indiana's Danny Granger said Wednesday. "We got smacked around. We got beat up, we got bullied, and we really didn't respond well."

Countered Miami's LeBron James, the NBA's reigning MVP: "He's just trying to amp them up. That's all. That's all it is. He knows his team isn't soft. But with them, with their backs against the wall at this point, he knows what he's doing. He's not the executive of the year for no reason."

Pittman logged only six minutes in the playoffs anyway, his presence in the postseason barely noticed until he laid out Stephenson—who made at least one choke sign toward James earlier in the series—with a forearm to the chin and shoulder areas.

"Hard fouls are part of the playoffs," Indiana coach Frank Vogel said Wednesday. "Fouls to the head have no place in this game, not by us, not by Miami, not by any other team in any other series. With all the concussion research that's been going on over the last few years it's a very serious matter and it just doesn't have any place in the game."

Wade sounded somewhat amused that Granger—who's been whistled for three technicals in the series—was one of the Pacers suggesting Haslem and Pittman should be suspended. Wade and Granger have had words during the series.

"We're not in here crying about the fouls," Wade said. "They fouled us. ... We're moving on to Game 6. We're not going to worry about what happened in Game 5. For us, it's about moving forward."

The Pacers may move forward without Granger, who sprained his left ankle in Game 5.

Granger was in flip-flops when Wednesday's practice ended, saying he was on painkillers and anti-inflammatory medication. Stephenson, who had X-rays taken to rule out any fractures to his collarbone or shoulder areas, did not practice.

"In my mind, I'm going to play," Granger said. "Elimination game, I have to play."

Vogel sounded concerned, but optimistic.

"Very much hoping he'll be available tomorrow," Vogel said. "He's a gamer. I'm thinking he'll play. But his ankle's pretty bad, so we'll see."

Vogel called Miami floppers before the series started, and it's been gritty throughout. The teams combined to shoot 66 free throws in Game 1, and there have been a combined nine technicals and flagrants called in the four games since. Tension also increased after cameras caught Stephenson making a choke sign during Indiana's Game 3 victory, and Juwan Howard confronting him about his antics before Game 4.

"It's been a physical series, started by them," Wade said.

And James said he doesn't expect things to cool down when the Pacers try to save their season in Game 6.

"I always feel like in a playoff series or certain regular-season games that a team may be trying to go for me," James said. "It's happened. I'm not saying guys are playing dirty, but certain guys say, `You know, if you hard-foul LeBron, get him off the ball, he'll stop being aggressive and things like that.' I know when it's happening and I see when it's about to happen. I'm always in protect mode. I've been hard-fouled a lot."

James said one of those situations happened in Game 5. Indiana forward David West—who left Tuesday's game with what the team called a sprained knee, though he insisted Wednesday he was not hurt—took exception to a play where he was knocked backward, saying a Heat player fell into his knee. On that play, replays showed West was boxed out by Battier, but it appeared no one hit West in the knee area.

Not long afterward, West fouled James, who said he saw it coming.

"He was the one on the floor and I was the one still standing," James said. "So I started laughing at that. But he tried to get me."

West said on Wednesday that if Indiana wants to force a Game 7 in Miami, it simply needs to play better on both ends than it did on Tuesday night.

"You've just got to stand your ground. I think that's the biggest thing," West said. "It was unfortunate, the play at the end of the game on Lance. But we've just got to deal with it, man up, handle it—like I said, the best way you can, within the rules."

Rays edge Jays in 11 innings

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)—Tampa Bay's Rich Thompson was hit by a pitch starting the 11th inning and then scored on B.J's Upton's double to give the Rays a 5-4 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday

Darren Oliver (0-2) threw the pitch that struck Thompson.

Rays reliever Jake McGee (1-1) struck out two during a perfect 11th to take the win as the Rays completed a 15th successive home series victory over Toronto.

Tampa Bay nearly won it in the ninth on Drew Sutton's two-out infield single, but Blue Jays veteran second baseman Omar Vizquel threw out Carlos Pena, who tried to score from second.

AP

Tampa Bay Rays left fielder Rich Thompson dives but can't get an eighth-inning double by Toronto Blue Jays' Jose Bautista during a baseball game, Wednesday, May 23, 2012, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Red Sox 6, Orioles 5

In Baltimore, Daniel Nava broke a 2-2 tie in the sixth with a solo homer and Boston held on to edge Baltimore.

Nava's shot came off Jake Arrieta (2-5), and Kelly Shoppach greeted reliever Luis Ayala with a two-run drive. Scott Podsednik, in his first start for Boston, added a solo shot in the eighth.

Red Sox starter Daniel Bard (4-5) allowed two runs in 5 1-3 innings. Alfredo Aceves got four straight outs for the save.

Mariners 5, Rangers 3

In Seattle, Alex Liddi hit the first major league grand slam by an Italian-born player in 54 years, powering Seattle past Texas.

Liddi made Texas pay for the decision to pitch around Dustin Ackley in the fifth inning. Ackley was intentionally walked to load the bases, and Liddi lined the first pitch from Scott Feldman (0-2) just over the left-field wall for his third homer this season. He also doubled and scored Seattle's first run.

He is the first Italian-born player to hit a grand slam since Detroit's Reno Bertoia did it in 1958.

Mariners starter Kevin Millwood (3-4) pitched six scoreless innings.

Indians 4, Tigers 2

In Cleveland, Jason Kipnis had three hits and scored the go-ahead run in the eighth inning for Cleveland in the win over Detroit.

Kipnis singled off the glove of pitcher Phil Coke (1-1) with one out in the eighth and reached third base on a double by Asdrubal Cabrera.

Travis Hafner then grounded to first baseman Prince Fielder, whose low throw made it difficult for catcher Alex Avila and Kipnis dived to home plate to score. Carlos Santana's sacrifice fly scored Cabrera.

Indians reliever Vinnie Pestano (2-0) got out of a bases-loaded, none-out jam in the top half of the inning and took the win.

Segui could be forced to testify against Clemens

WASHINGTON (AP)—Prosecutors finally have some momentum in their perjury case against Roger Clemens, even if it means dragging in former major leaguer David Segui, a witness who is apparently so reluctant to testify that the judge threatened from the bench: "If he doesn't show up, he'll be arrested like anyone else."

U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton indicated Wednesday he was leaning heavily toward allowing prosecutors to call Segui and another witness to counter an overall impression left by Clemens' lawyers during the 6-week-old trial. Segui is expected to say that sometime around 2001 he was told by Clemens' strength coach, Brian McNamee, that McNamee had saved evidence from injections of players to placate a nagging wife.

That would be consistent with McNamee's testimony last week—that he kept waste from an alleged steroids injection of Clemens in 2001 and stored it in a beer can to soothe things over at home. McNamee's wife, according to McNamee, was concerned that he would become the fall guy if his involvement with drugs-in-baseball were ever exposed.

But there's a catch. Prosecutor Courtney Saleski said Segui, who retired in 2004 after 15 major league seasons, "doesn't want to come" even though he's under subpoena.

Judge Walton's response: "You just tell him if he's under subpoena, he'd better be here." Or else, added the judge, "he'd better be on the run because the marshals will be after him."

Clemens is accused of lying to Congress in 2008 when he said he had never used steroids or human growth hormone, and a trial that appeared to be going so well for the seven-time Cy Young Award winner has this week thrown him a few curveballs. When Clemens' lawyer Rusty Hardin shared a laugh with the judge while fighting an uphill battle against Segui's testimony—"I don't want to beat a dead horse," Hardin said—Clemens sat at the defense table and didn't so much as crack a smile.

Essentially, Hardin is paying the price for his three days of aggressive cross-examination of McNamee, who says he injected Clemens with steroids in 1998, 2000 and 2001 and with HGH in 2000. On Monday, the judge ruled that Hardin had opened the door for McNamee to name other players to whom he had supplied HGH, something the defense had fought vigorously to keep from the jury.

Now the government—and the judge appears to agree—says that Hardin went too far in trying to build a case that McNamee started making up charges and fabricating evidence against Clemens around 2007 as a way to appease federal agents.

Walton said the jury is left with the impression that "because the government had made these allegations, that he started to give them what they wanted to stay out of harm's way and avoid going to prison."

Angels 3, Athletics 1, 11 innings

In Oakland, Alberto Callaspo hit a go-ahead two-run double in the 11th inning to lift Los Angeles over Oakland.

Callaspo's hit off Justin Norberto (0-1) capitalized on the pitching work of Jordan Walden (1-1), who tossed a 1-2-3 10th inning for the win, and Ernesto Frieri, who notched his first major league save.

Yankees 8, Royals 3

In New York, Alex Rodriguez gave Will Smith a rude welcome to the major leagues, hitting two homers off the rookie to power New York past Kansas City.

Rodriguez snapped a 52 at-bat homereless drought and drove in three runs for New York. Curtis Granderson also connected off Smith (0-1) as the Yankees scored three times in the fifth with help from some inept relief pitching.

New York starter Andy Pettitte (2-1) pitched seven-plus crafty innings in his third start since coming out of retirement.

White Sox 6, Twins 0

In Chicago, Chris Sale pitched seven scoreless innings to steer Chicago past Minnesota.

Sale (5-2) struck out six. He has allowed three runs or less in all eight of his starts in his first year as a member of the Chicago rotation.

Still showing a black eye after getting hit in the face by a pitch last Friday, Paul Konerko had a homer among three hits and scored three times. In the past nine games, he's batting .548. Alex Rios also homered for the White Sox.

Twins starter Scott Diamond (3-1) allowed five runs in six innings.

Reds 2, Braves 1

In Cincinnati, the Reds' Todd Frazier hit a homer in the ninth inning to extend the Reds' form surge and beat the Atlanta Braves 2-1 on Wednesday.

The Reds won their fifth in a row, leaving them five games over .500 (24-19) for the first time this season.

Frazier connected for his first game-ending homer on the second pitch from Cristhian Martinez (2-1), who came on to start the ninth. It was a fitting ending for a series that has been decided by solo homers—11 in all during the three games.

Cincinnati's Aroldis Chapman (4-0) struck out two of the three he faced in the ninth. He hasn't allowed an earned run in 24 1-3 innings, ascending to the closer's role.

Diamondbacks 11, Dodgers 4

In Phoenix, Justin Upton and Ryan Roberts homered and every Arizona starter had at least one hit as the Diamondbacks emphatically ended Los Angeles' six-game winning streak.

Willie Bloomquist had three hits, including an RBI triple, and Aaron Hill had two hits and two RBIs for Arizona.

Diamondbacks starter Joe Saunders (3-3) struck out a season-high seven. He also recorded his first hit of the year, a single in the fifth that stopped his 0-for-13 skid at the plate.

Dodgers starter Ted Lilly (5-1) went 3 1-3 innings, his shortest outing for two years. He gave up eight runs and five walks.

Phillies 4, Nationals 1

In Philadelphia, Cole Hamels pitched eight scoreless innings as Philadelphia snapped a season-worst four-game losing skid with a win over Washington.

Hamels (7-1) didn't allow a hit until the sixth. He is tied with St. Louis' Lance Lynn for the major league lead in the victories after winning his seventh straight decision, striking out eight.

Hamels faced Washington for the first time since intentionally hit Bryce Harper on May 6. The incident sparked a firestorm, with Hamels earning a five-game suspension and Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo getting fined for his comments about Hamels.

Nationals starter Edwin Jackson (1-2) allowed three runs in seven innings.

Mets 3, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Jonathon Niese ended a six-start winless streak, and pitched New York past Pittsburgh.

Niese (3-2) allowed just one run over 7 2-3 innings. Reliever Bobby Parnell got the final strikeout with runners on second and third bases to end the eighth. Frank Francisco pitched a perfect ninth for the save.

Pirates starter Charlie Morton (2-5) allowed eight hits in seven innings.

Brewers 8, Giants 5

In Milwaukee, Aramis Ramirez hit a three-run double in a six-run first inning that set up Milwaukee's win over San Francisco.

Jonathan Lucroy added a two-run homer in the second as the Brewers pounded Giants starter Barry Zito (3-2), who gave up eight runs in three innings. He is 0-4 with a 7.67 ERA in eight starts at Miller Park.

Milwaukee's Jose Veras (3-1) pitched two hitless innings in relief of Marco Estrada, who left after injuring his right hip while running out a first-inning double.

Cardinals 6, Padres 3

In St. Louis, Carlos Beltran hit his National League-leading 14th home run as St. Louis completed a three-game sweep of San Diego.

David Freese snapped a 3-for-34 slump with a homer and RBI single as the Cardinals mustered enough offense despite the absence of injured trio Lance Berkman, Jon Jay and Allen Craig.

St. Louis rookie starter Lance Lynn (7-1) tied the Phillies' Cole Hamels for the major league victory lead.

Padres starter Jeff Suppan (2-3), who was the 2006 NL championship series MVP for the Cardinals, took the loss.

Rockies 8, Marlins 4

In Miami, Troy Tulowitzki homered and drove in four runs as Colorado downed Miami and ended a run of six straight losses.

The Rockies, who blew early leads of 4-0 and 3-0 in the first two games of the series, won after trailing 3-0. Tulowitzki hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the fifth inning off Carlos Zambrano (2-3) and doubled home a run in the fourth. Carlos Gonzalez added two hits and two RBIs.

Colorado starter Alex White (1-3) earned his first victory this year, after losing six consecutive starts dating back to last year.

Thomas, Decker building rapport with Manning

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—Peyton Manning's two biggest targets are a pair of promising young receivers who have already made their mark in the NFL despite spending lots of time on the sideline.

Neither Demaryius Thomas nor Eric Decker has put together a complete season in the NFL—or, for that matter, a full offseason. Both missed much of the lead-up to their rookie year in 2010 with foot injuries. Last year there was the lockout, plus another injury for Thomas.

Decker shined for two months last season but faded after Tim Tebow took over at quarterback for Kyle Orton. Thomas missed the first half of the season with a torn Achilles tendon and a shattered thumb but was unstoppable down the stretch.

Decker went down with a knee injury early in the Denver Broncos' wild-card playoff game against Pittsburgh, and Thomas stepped up with four catches for 204 yards, including an 80-yard TD catch from Tebow on the first play of overtime.

Like Kirk Gibson's improbable homer off Dennis Eckersley in the 1988 World Series, it's an electrifying, iconic moment in sports that's been replayed countless times.

"Yeah, I've replayed it a couple times myself," Thomas said Wednesday. "I actually replayed it last night. I was in my bed on I was on the computer and I typed my name in."

He said it was just as thrilling watching it for the thousandth time on YouTube as it was on that January night in Denver when he dashed into history.

"Yeah, it puts chills in my body," said Thomas, who has been dogged by a broken foot, sprained ankle, concussion, torn Achilles and broken thumb since turning pro.

Once the season was over, Decker's strained knee ligament quickly healed. He said Wednesday he would have tried to play in the AFC title game had the Broncos gotten past New England that following week.

Thomas had to undergo another operation to remove pins from his left thumb. So, he was sidelined once again when Manning signed with Denver in March and immediately began throwing passes to Decker, his new workout buddy.

Thomas insists he wasn't jealous that Decker quickly formed a rapport and rhythm with Manning and wasn't about to rush back to catch up.

"I basically just wanted to come in healthy and whenever I started, I started," said Thomas, who returned to the field last month and has been doing yoga in hopes it will help him stay healthy.

While the biggest question facing the Broncos in 2012 is whether Manning can take a hit and get back up after missing all of last season because of a nerve injury that caused weakness in his throwing arm, another big issue is whether Thomas can finally stay off the sideline.

"That's my question mark," he said.

Decker knows he has to stay strong, too. He admits now that he wore out last season.

"I think for me it's finding that right balance nutritionally, getting enough sleep, working and grinding in the weight room, because I did feel I lost some weight, lost some strength, mentally, it dragged on me a little bit because that was my first full season of playing a lot every game," Decker said.

Now, both Thomas and Decker are at full strength, running routes at practice and eager to see what roles they can play in Manning's aerial show.

For once, they're not sitting out the offseason.

"It's been great," Decker said. "Just the fact of having time to work your craft, to get in the weight room and focus on certain things that make you more explosive, that can help you on the football field and also just being able to catch balls every day and run routes and go against the defense ... it makes it so much easier when training camp rolls around in August."

"I think it'll be a big impact just to come in healthy, go through OTAs and be able to go through minicamp," Thomas said. "Just to see stuff and to get the reps. Because I was here, I saw it, but I never got the reps. And I think that will help me out."

Now that the offense and defense are facing each other, Thomas and Decker are getting used to Manning switching things up at the line of scrimmage as he steps up to the line and digests the defense.

"The famous Peyton Manning," Decker said. "It's been great. He's such an intelligent person, it's unbelievable. He's almost too smart for himself. He's very communicative, so he digests and tells us what is rolling through his mind."

Thomas also worked out this offseason at his alma mater, Georgia Tech, catching passes from Cam Newton and collecting tips from Calvin Johnson. Manning said it's the Broncos' collection of experienced cover cornerbacks—Champ Bailey and newcomers Drayton Florence and Tracy Porter—who will really help Denver's young receiving corps blossom.

Decker said it's a dream to catch passes from Manning and nightmare to face Bailey. The two have 22 Pro Bowls between them.

It's a mix he's sure will pay dividends this season—providing he and Thomas can stay healthy.

Eli, Giants focused as they return to field

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—As far as Eli Manning is concerned, the fulfillment of teammate Justin Tuck's claim that the New York Giants can turn into an NFL dynasty began Wednesday with the first organized team activity.

"It starts," Manning said, "right now."

With player equipment limited to only helmets in this phase of OTAs, coaches conducted non-contact drills at the Timex Performance Center. And while nothing spectacular happened, the champions were indeed back on the field with some new additions, like first-round draft pick David Wilson.

"Basically, it's a chance for the young guys to get out there and the coaches are trying to simplify things for them," Manning said. "We've got new guys and we've got to get them used to our style of play.

"It's getting used to how we practice, how we prepare. When we come to the practice field, it's all business and full speed."

While the two-time, Super Bowl MVP quarterback indicated he has dynastic dreams, he said the team simply needs to improve, starting with him.

"I'm just trying to play at my level and my potential," Manning said.

Tuck, though, reiterated his plans to collect three more rings to go along with the two he already has.

"Why shouldn't we be (a dynasty)," Tuck asked. "I feel very confident in this team and this staff every year."

And this year, a seasoned Victor Cruz plans to embrace a new role that Tuck and Manning already have: leader.

"It's a unique situation," Cruz said. "I'm one of the older guys now, and the younger players look up to you. I'd like to think I can make an impression on the younger guys that through seeing the things that I do, they can see that things will happen through hard work."

Cruz finished last season with 82 catches and 1,536 yards receiving, which was a franchise single-season record. He also had nine touchdowns.

But the feel-good, back-to-work day was not without an injury. In fact, in the opening minutes, fourth-year cornerback Brian Witherspoon went down in a simple position drill with yet another torn ACL. Witherspoon, who would have played in the secondary on passing downs and on special teams, missed all of last season when he tore the same one in the preseason.

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Mixblood II, Try Luck , Na'Gupu Too! lead standings

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SOS Bar & Grill's Mixblood Shooters II, Jonny's Bar & Grill's Try Luck, and Naked Fish Bar & Grill's Na'Gupu Too! are leading their respective Saipan Dart Electronic Dart Association divisions after conclusion of this week's 2012 Winter/Summer Bud Light Dart League matchups.

Mixblood Shooters II endured a bitter 8-9 upset to fourth-ranked 101 Proofers (124-114) on Monday, but maintains a three-game lead over the eight-team A-division with its overall win-loss record of 147-91.

Bammy's Bar & Grill's Bud Brothers (144-94) is riding shotgun just three games back after notching a 10-7 home victory over Sand's Juvy Predators (106-132), while third place Sabalu (136-102) edged out Naked Fish Boyz (110-128), 9-8, on the road.

In addition, Bammy's Celebrity (110-128) walloped last place Primos (75-163), 13-4, on the road at VFW Post 3457.

Notables include a High In-170 by Primos' Jeff Pangelinan and a High Out-143 by Mixed Blood II's Manding Legaspi.

Also last Monday, Ladies Division's Try Luck torched Naked Fish's Man Amigas (114-96), 12-3, at home to improve its card to 144-66.

The Man Amigas are tied for third place with Joe's Just Like Dat (114-96) which made it past the Daffodils, 9-6, at Joe's, while VFW's B-52 Shooters (138-172) bulleted into second place after ripping through the Reapers (96-114), 14-1, in a road match at 19th Hole.

In other results, Bammy's Momes'i Mei (9-111) pelted SOS's Daarty Deedz (59-151), 13-2, at home.

Notables include a High In-160 by two-time league top gun Aida Laniyo of Try Luck and a High Out-146 by her teammate Matrina Lisua.

In the Tuesday B Division, Na'Gupu Too! defeated SOS' third-ranked Mixblood Shooters II (128-82), 9-6, on the road last Tuesday to improve to 133-77.

However, Sea Bridge's Proofers (129-81) sit just four games back in second chair after securing a 10-5 nod over Good Guys I (86-124) in a road pairing held at Joe's.

Meanwhile, Jonny's fourth place Star Maharot (107-103) schooled sister team Dosukebe Boyz (79-131), 8-7, in a home draw; and Poseidon's K-1 Scorpions (90-120) went into Naked Fish and defeated the Dartaholiks (88-122), 9-6.

Notables include a High In-152 by MIxblood II's Bernard Paras and a High Out-156 by Dartaholiks' Dexter Mendiola.

CNMI May Masters rolls off today

The 30th CNMI May Masters Bowling Tournament will be held beginning today, May 25, at the Saipan Bowling Center.

The first day of the three-day bowl-fest will feature singles (three games), doubles (three games), and team (four players and three games) events.

Registration will begin at 1:30pm, while the singles game is set at 2pm. The doubles and team events will begin at 4:15pm and 6:30pm.

The singles, doubles, and team competitions will tomorrow, May 26, from 9am to 2pm. Then at 6pm, the centerpiece event—the May Masters—women's division, will kick off with female keglers playing 12 games.

The May Masters culminates with the men's masters on Sunday, May 27. The 12-game event will start at 9am.

In both women's and men's masters, there should be at least 12 bowlers registered to proceed with the competition and the bowler to record the highest pinfalls wins the masters tournament.

Last year, Raymond Zapanta claimed his first May Masters men's title after collecting 2,406 pinfalls in 12 games.

Two-time women's champ Ron Cal, meanwhile, returned to the winner's podium following a 12-game total of 2,205.

The 2012 May Masters Bowling Tournament is sponsored by Budweiser, MARPAC, Jet Holdings/Saipan Bowling Center, Shirley's Coffee Shop, and IT&E. It concludes with an awards ceremony at 6:30pm on Sunday at Shirley's Coffee Shop in Susupe.

For more information, call Saipan Bowling Association's Ross or Gigi Zapanta at 288-5627 or email zapanta@pticom.com or Robert Talavera at the Saipan Bowling Center at 234-6420. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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It was the sixth victory in as many games for the U.S. territory, which will take on No. 4 seed Tinian (3-3) in today's first boys semifinals at 12pm at the Ada Gym.

CNMI 1, which finished second in the boys tourney with a 5-1 win-loss card, will square off against No. 3 Palau in the other Final Four pairing beginning 6pm. CNMI 1 beat Palau in the first round, 91-78, back on Monday with the latter falling primarily due to a spree of turnovers.

Palau, however, showed none of the tentativeness in their game against Guam Wednesday night.

Even after almost being skunked in the first quarter, 17-2, Palau got on the grill of Guam cagers and played smash-mouth basketball most of the game.

Palau was able to make a match of it in the second, as Marvic Ngchar got hot from outside, making 15 of his 19 total points in the quarter as Palau somewhat narrowed their deficit and were down by only 26-41 at the break.

Guam continued to feel the heat at the start of the second half, as Palau threw everything they had on the powerhouse team.

The game was so physical at one point that Guam leading scorer Sammy Setik took offense on how a Palau player was screening him off on defense that he charged the offending player before referees and cooler heads prevailed.

Back in the game, Medermel Yaoch connected twice from long range and Ngchar added 4 more to his total as Palau put a scare on Guam as they were down by only 12, 41-53, with only 10 minutes left to play.

Setik, however, settled the ship in the payoff period, as the cat-quick guard fired eight of his team-high 18.

And with Jonathan Onedera and Bruce Merrill tossing in 6 points apiece for good measure, Guam was able to get their groove back and coasted to the 25-point victory.

Onedera went on get scoring runner-up honors for Guam with 14 points, while the normally high-scoring frontline duo of Rashaun Blas and Michael Sakazaki were limited to 12 and 11, respectively.

Ngchar was the game's high-point man with 19, while Yaoch and Edward Baysa added 12 apiece in the loss.

In other games Wednesday, CNMI 1 routed Saipan 1, 97-59; Tinian got the better of Saipan 2, 87-68.

Yesterday's three remaining matches, meanwhile, saw Palau smother Saipan 2, 87-33; Tinian beat Saipan 1, 83-74; and CNMI 1 take out sister team CNMI 2, 111-54.

Guam 82 – Sammy Setik 18, Onedera 14, Blas 12, Sakazaki 11, Merrill 9, Flores 4, Dimla 4.

Palau 57 – Ngchar 19, Yaoch 12, Baysa 12, Dorado 7, Ubedei 4, Sandbergen 2, Cruz 1.

Scoring by quarters: 17-2, 41-26, 53-41, 82-57.

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points of Kali Benavente and Destiny Castro.

CNMI 1 wasn't too shabby in the opening period, as it got 3 points apiece from Krizandra Gozon and Jamie Mendoza.

The U.S. territory, however, began to pull away come the second canto, as Benavente erupted for 6 and inside player Kara Duenas added 4 to help Guam to a 37-22 advantage at the halftime break.

CNMI 1 started the third with more resolve and managed to keep Guam off the boards, triggering their own fastbreak opportunities. More often than not though, those chances resulted in misfires.

After keeping their deficit to the 14- to 16-point range most of the third, the wheels came off CNMI 1 in the final minutes of the period as Guam established a 67-46 advantage going into the fourth and final quarter.

Duenas again submitted 6 and Rayonna shot 4 for Guam in the period, while CNMI 1 center Rachel Abrams had 8 and sharpshooter Mendoza added 7.

In the fourth, Duenas went nuts from inside—rolling to the basket for layups and putting back missed shots—as Guam really tore the game wide open.

Joylyn Pangilinan also got in on the action, firing 9 of her 12 points in the final 10 minutes as Guam went on to win by 34 points.

Duenas top-scored for Guam with a game-high 27 points, while Castro and Benavente added 21 and 14 markers in support.

Mendoza paced the CNMI 1 with 17, including another 7 in the payoff period, before fouling out. The team's heart and soul Liamwar Rangamar, however, was limited to 12 points.

In the earlier girls game, CNMI 2 withstood Regene Palacios' 37-point explosion to beat Tinian.

Amazingly, all 37 points of Tinian was scored by Palacios but that wasn't enough as CNMI 2 totaled 43 as a team. The win allowed CNMI 2 to take the No. 3 seed. It was led by the 8 points apiece of Chave Alipio and Karlene Reyes.

Guam 103 – Duenas 27, Castro 21, Benavente 15, Bunto 13, Pangilinan 12, Quitugua 8, Yeban 4, Rupley 2, Mendiola 1.

CNMI 1 69 – Mendoza 17, Rangamar 12, Rios 11, Abrams 8, Gozon 9, Ito. 4

Scoring by quarters: 18-8, 37-22, 67-46, 103-69.

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Add to that, Kimura required those who want to take part in the competition in the U.S. territory to clear BB U.S. time standards in not one, not two, but three events in order to make the Tsunami Saipan team to this weekend's meet.

"When a swimmer gets BB time on three events, Tsunami Saipan allows the swimmer to come with us to Guam. It is very strict, but it is natural for the team. Because the swimmer is going to Guam as a representative of Tsunami Saipan. He or she should show good performance in Guam for teammates who are left on Saipan," said Kimura.

The Tsunami Saipan coach said off-island swimming competitions like the Guam Swimming Championships is also very important for individual swimmers because it's only one of the few times they get to compete on foreign soil.

"Now, the CNMI economy is facing a very hard situation. Families are having a hard time. We really can't go to off-island meets as much as we want to. The Guam Swimming Championships is very important for us under such circumstances," he said.

He promised though that the crème de la crème of Tsunami Saipan will compete in Hong Kong next season and some of them will also have a chance to show their wares in Japan.

Kimura also took the opportunity to thank the club's sponsors, namely Tan Holdings, Mariana Resort and Spa, DFS Galleria, Pacific Islands Club, McDonald's Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation, and Guam Swimming Federation for making their trip to the

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both the middleweight and light heavyweight gold medals. He also ran a clinic on the 10 other middleweight and seven light heavyweight competitors.

Guam's Ryan Bustamante of Universal Alliance took home the welterweight gold, topping a field of 16, and finished second among the middleweights; while Marianas Elite's Derrick "El Peligro" Rangamar topped 25 other featherweights that turned out for the event.

Shane Aguon, also of Guam triumphed in the bantamweight division over a dozen other compeitiors.

Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez won the featherweight gold over a field of 20, while his teammate Mylo "Bam Bam" Lassiter beat out four others in the heavyweight class.

Trench Tech said the two-month break will allow the competitors ample time to train and prepare for the next event; more details will be released as the information comes in.

Art of War 7 may feature some special super fight matchups this episode to complement the grappling marathon and the Trench Tech family is hoping to surpass last year's turnout of over 60-plus competitors.

"There have been a few new black belt recipients on Guam since last year and we hope to have them come over and showcase their skills, especially on our new wrestling mats that we have acquired since the fire," said Alvarez over the phone on Thursday.

After Art of War is in the books, Rites Of Passage 13: Destiny! goes down tentatively on Sept. 28 and will hopefully feature Trench Tech home bet Fasi "Quick Draw" Jesse (9-4) vying for the featherweight title belt against reigning champion Guam's Rob "Chamorro Zombie" Wusstig (3-5) of Countershot MMA.

Then to close out the year is Trench Warz 16: Fire Power. Trench Tech is in the process of trying to line up some late card matches with potential Korean Top Team members against the region's top class fighters, however nothing has been confirmed, including Trench Warz 16's Dec. 14 scheduled date.

For more information, contact Trench Tech president Cuki Alvarez at 483-4MMA (4662).

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	28	17	.622	–
Tampa Bay	27	18	.600	1
Toronto	24	21	.533	4
New York	23	21	.523	4 1/2
Boston	22	22	.500	5 1/2

Central Division

Cleveland	25	18	.581	–
Chicago	22	22	.500	3 1/2
Detroit	20	23	.465	5
Kansas City	17	26	.395	8
Minnesota	15	28	.349	10

West Division

Texas	27	18	.600	–
Oakland	22	23	.489	5
Seattle	21	25	.457	6 1/2
Los Angeles	20	25	.444	7

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	26	18	.591	–
Atlanta	26	19	.578	1/2
Miami	24	20	.545	2
New York	24	20	.545	2
Philadelphia	22	23	.489	4 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	25	19	.568	–
Cincinnati	24	19	.558	1/2
Houston	21	23	.477	4
Pittsburgh	20	24	.455	5
Milwaukee	18	26	.409	7
Chicago	15	29	.341	10

West Division

Los Angeles	30	14	.682	–
San Francisco	23	21	.523	7
Arizona	20	25	.444	10 1/2
Colorado	16	27	.372	13 1/2
San Diego	16	29	.356	14 1/2

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MDX out-steadies Fong's in masters opening

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Martin Moreno has been plying his trade in the masters league since 2002 and he's never missed a beat since.

Case in point was last Sunday's opening of the Budweiser Cup-Masters League of the United Filipino Organization Basketball League, where the high-leaping guard scored 20 points to lead MDX/Armetch to a 72-63 victory over Fong's/Batangas Blades at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The 5'4" Moreno, who still lays the ball up with two hands, was his vintage self right from the get-go as he scored eight points to help MDX open a 23-13 lead in the first quarter.

He pumped in only 3 markers in the second quarter, but did get some help as twin towers—6'3" centers Bruce Berline and Art Trajano—scored 8 points together and the Armatech-backed squad hiked its lead to 14 points, 44-30, at intermission.

Rugged frontliner Amor Casabuena and point forward Jun Abedes tried to rally Fong's back in the third, as the duo combined for 8 points. But their effort only managed to trim their deficit to 11 points, 45-56, with one quarter to go.

Moreno matched his 4-point third quarter production in the fourth, but luckily MDX also found scoring from Trajano, point guard Ferdie Tobias, and sharpshooter James Abuy as they held on to the 9-point win.

Trajano finished with 16 points to backstop Moreno, while six other MDX players contributed 5 or more points in the win.

Abedes top-scored for Fong's with 19, while Romero Bernardo and Tito Alano chipped in 14 and 9, respectively, in the loss.

Action in the UFO caging, which aside from the masters league also has the 14-and-under and 15-20 age groups, has been called off this week to make way for the ongoing 2012 Micronesian Basketball Tournament.

League technical committee director Abner Venus said the masters league will start up on Tuesday, May 29, and continue on Thursday, May 31. The youth league, meanwhile, will be played all day Saturday.

Venue for the competition is at the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe. The Ada Gym, however, is the standby venue if rain renders the outdoor facility unplayable.

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MDX/Armetch's Peter Crisostomo attempts a leaner as teammate Ariel Jinang and Fong's/Batangas Blades' Romero Bernardo looks on during their Budweiser Cup-Masters League game Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

MDX/Armatech 72 – Moreno 20, Trajano 16, Berline 9, Gabaldon 6, Jinang 6, Tobias 6, Montano 5, Abuy 5, Crisostomo 1.

Fong's/Batangas Blades 63 – Abedes 19, Bernardo 14, Alano 9, Casabuena 8, Gatdula 6, Galulu 5, Alejandro 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-13, 44-30, 56-45, 72-63.

Yoon Tuk takes home XGA April Ace honors

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Yoon Jae Tuk came away as the X-clusive Golfers Association's April Ace of the Month winner after the conclusion of the club's event held at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort last May 5.

Tuk actually finished in third place behind February Ace Mike Sablan and March qualifier Kisoo Kim and was awarded the plum by default. J.J. Cabrera won the January Ace event.

Sablan scratched a 42 on the front and finished the back nine with a 21 for a raw total of 83 that adjusted to a field low 68 net score.

Kim also started out with a 42 and finished strong after the turn with a 38 for an even gross card of 80 which worked into a 70 net tally for runner up honors.

Tuk shot a 43 on the front nine and pulled into the club house with a 42 for an 85 gross score and settled for a 71 net count, which earned him passage into the year-end Ace of Aces tournament.

He was also declared closest to the pin winner in hole No. 14 along with Kim in hole No. 12, Ralph Yumul in hole No. 3, and Mr. Ahn in hole No. 7.

A total of 15 players participated in the event.

XGA's May event is still pending and may be pushed back to early June.

Contact XGA secretary J.J. Cabrera at 287-9478 for more information.

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Yoon Jae Tuk won Xclusive Golf Association's April Ace of the Month honors in the club's monthly tournament held last May 5 at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

Hustlers upset IT&E-Voyagers in Bud Cup

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The New Saipan Aluminum-Hustlers upset Jonny's Bar & Grill's top-ranked IT&E-Voyagers, 9-5, in Tuesday's Saipan Billiards Association Budweiser Cup postseason tournament semifinals at Utopia Sports Bar.

Meanwhile, Joe's Steakhouse's Fotten Palau advanced to the Obyan Division final and is waiting to see whether they will challenge either Jonny's Crazy 8 or 19th Hole Bar & Grill's Titans for the postseason championship.

The Hustlers finished third place among the handful of teams that make up the elite-level Agingan Division. IT&E-Voyagers eliminated Poseidon's Docomo Pacific-Home Boyz, 9-5, on the road last May 15.

After its win over IT&E-Voyagers, the Hustlers will now take on fourth place IT&E-Incredibles in next Tuesday's finals at Bammy's Bar & Grill. IT&E Incredibles downed bottom feeder Ocean Warriors, 9-4, in a road match at Joe's in Tuesday's other semis game.

Obyan's Fotten Palau, meanwhile, came into nine-team contest in sixth place and defeated caboose team Boom Boom, 9-4, on the road at Bammy's last Tuesday to punch its ticket to the dance. The team routed 19th Hole's Poksu, 9-2, on the road in last week's second round.

The top-ranked Titans made it past second place Team SCS, 9-7, in a tight road match last week and advanced over third-seeded Yang-Ku, 9-3, last Tuesday at Poseidon.

Fourth-ranked Crazy 8 advanced to the semis last week over No. 5 Shark Attack, 9-7, at Wild Bill's Bar & Grill.

The Agingan Division finals is scheduled for this coming Tuesday. Obyan's final table will be set next week leading up to its final duel on June 5.

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The New Saipan Aluminum-Hustlers, seen here in a file photo, upset IT&E-Voyagers last Tuesday in their SBA Budweiser semifinal pairing at Utopia Sports Bar.

Summer Soccer Camp starts next month

The Saipan Soccer School will conduct its 2012 Summer Soccer Camp for U8 and U10 boys and girls starting next month at its facility inside the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

Registration is free and will start on June 11. Sessions will last for two weeks and will run from Monday to Friday. Sessions are as follows:

- 1st session – June 11 to June 22
- 2nd session – June 25 to July 6
- 3rd session – July 9 to July 20
- 4th session – July 23 to Aug. 3

U10 boys and girls sessions are from 8am to 9:30am and U8 boys and girls sessions are from 10am to 11:30am. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children and enjoy the basic and advanced fundamentals and skills of the game.

For more information, contact the Saipan Soccer School Office at 235-8747 ext 148 or call Mae Ito at 287-3607 or Jersh Angeles at 285-7387.

Futsal league kicks off June 18

In related news, the Saipan Soccer School will have three divisions when its 2012 Futsal League kicks off on June 18.

The three divisions are made up of the youth division (U14 boys and U18 boys), the men's division, and women's division.

Registration fee for all players is $10 and deadline for registration/waiver forms with fee is on June 15 with the league starting.

The school said players must complete and sign a registration and waiver form and players under the age of 18 must have their parent's or guardian's signature.

Schedules and other information will be handed out once teams are defined.

For more information, contact the Saipan Soccer School office at 235-8747 ext. 148 or call Mae Ito at 287-3607 or Jersh Angeles at 285-7387. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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Guam routs Palau to take No. 1 seed

Palau's Medermel Yaoch challenges the defense of Guam's 6'3" center Michael Sakazaki in their boys 17-and-under Micronesian Basketball Tournament game Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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The Guam U17 national team took the No. 1 seed in the playoffs after bowling over Palau, 82-57, Wednesday night in the boys 17-and-under Micronesian Basketball Tournament at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Guam's Alina Bonto drives for a left-handed fastbreak layup against CNMI 1 in the girls U17 MBT Wednesday night at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

IN BATTLE OF UNDEFEATED TEAMS

Guam cage belles beat CNMI 1

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Guam used its height and heft advantage to the hilt in dealing CNMI 1 its first loss, 103-69, in the Micronesian Basketball Tournament, as the girls 17-and-under division wrapped up its round-robin games Wednesday night at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Despite the loss, CNMI 1 still finished second in the standings and joined its archrival in the crossover semifinals starting today at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

CNMI 1 will take on No. 3 CNMI 2 starting at 4pm, while undefeated Guam will square off against winless and fourth seed Tinian in the other semis pairing earlier in the day at 10am.

Guam started out like a house on fire, leading CNMI 1 18-8 after one period of play thanks to the 10 combined

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Tsunami Saipan swimmers leave for Guam meet

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The nine-member team of Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan left for Guam yesterday morning where it will take part in this weekend's 2012 Guam Swimming Championships at the Hagatna Pool.

Tsunami Saipan head coach Hiro Kimura said his son Kensuke Kimura, Takumi Sugie, Kaito and Ryuto Yanai, Heongjoo Yoo, Ryosei Toda, Miku Tammy, Angel De Jesus, and Angel Tan all left Saipan in high spirits and are eager to swim their best in the meet.

Not really concerned in taking home high point trophies, the elder Kimura said his wards' focus in the Guam Swimming Championships is to break records, improve their times, and try their hardest—exactly in that order.

It also helps that the meet pushed his swimmers to achieve BB U.S. time standards.

"If a swimmer marks BB time at any swim meet, he or she can participate in any event of the Guam Swimming Championships. That's why I set up the original qualifying rule for participation in the meet," he said.

In short, Kimura said any Tsunami Saipan swimmer who fails to achieve the BB U.S. time standard will not be allowed to go to the Guam Swimming Championships.

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan's Kensuke Kimura Takumi Sugie, Kaito and Ryuto Yanai, Heongjoo Yoo, Ryosei Toda, Miku Tammy, Angel De Jesus, and Angel Tan are all smiles following a recent training session at the Kan Pacific Pool in Marpi.

Trench Tech amends 2012 events calendar

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Trench Tech's Mylo Lassiter, top, goes for a kimura arm-bar submission against his opponent in last year's Art of War 6 Grappling and Submission Challenge held at Trench Tech's former gym in San Antonio.

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Due to the fire that burned down their old gymnasium in San Antonio last February, Trench Tech Purebred Promotions was forced to push back its remaining mixed martial arts schedule of events for the year.

Trench Tech's Rites of Passage 12: Unstoppable! went down almost without a hitch last April 20 save for some small technical difficulties with the sound system, and organizers are slating the Art Of War 7: No Gi Grappling and Submission Challenge about a month and a half from now on July 14.

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu purple-belt Keli "Rukiz" Manglona of Wand Fight Team and Legion BJJ was on island during last year's Art of War competition and cleaned house, taking home

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